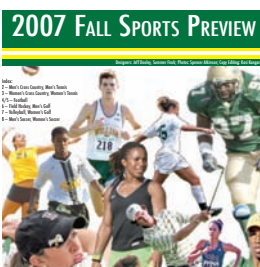


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SATs rise for Class of 2011

The acceptance rate hits 34 percent as 61 waitlisted applicants were admitted

By **KARA STARR**

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College's acceptance rate for the Class of 2011 is 34 percent, a two percent increase from last year.

That percentage reflects the 3,652 students who were accepted out of an overall applicant pool of 10,852 — the largest in College history. As of June 12, the yield rate for enrolled students was 37 percent. The College's goal for the class size is 1,350 enrolled students, the same as last year. As of now, 1,358 have enrolled.

Dean of Admissions Henry Broadus attributed the higher acceptance rate to the fact that fewer early decision students were accepted this year, as a result of having fewer early decision applicants. Broadus said that fewer applicants could be the result of negative publicity about early

acceptance programs at schools like the University of Virginia and Princeton University. For the Class of 2011, 396 early applicants were admitted, while 440 were admitted in the previous year.

Broadus noted that having fewer early decision admits is also a major part of the decreased yield rate, because fewer students are bound to attend the College under an early decision contract.

Male applicants were admitted at a rate

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Class of 2011 in numbers

34%

Acceptance rate

23%

Students of color

10,859

Total applicants

1,358

Total students

79%

In top 10% of H.S.

46/54

Male to female ratio

1270-1430

Math & Critical Reading SAT range (25-75 percentile)

35%

Out-of-state students

AMPED UP



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

Renovations were completed on the Lake Matoaka Amphitheater last April. Cleaned up and improved, it is ready for student events. It will be used for the comedy show that is part of Freshman Orientation. See **RENOVATIONS**, page 4.

NEWS ANALYSIS

From chapel cross to British boss: Recapping 2006-2007's top news

By **AUSTIN WRIGHT**

Flat Hat News Editor

The night of Oct. 5, The Flat Hat was forwarded an e-mail sent to Wren Chapel employees notifying them that the 18-inch cross that had been sitting on the altar since the early 1900s would be kept in the chapel's sacristy, out of sight, available only upon request. The story ran the next day on page two.

Though we expected the policy change to stir debate on campus, we had no idea that this religious symbol would come to dominate a year in news at the College, propelling the centuries-old chapel into the national spotlight. The story was picked up by CNN, Fox News, the Drudge Report and the Associated Press.

In a compromise that appears to please most people on both sides, the cross is back in the chapel, now an his-

torical artifact inside a glass case. The move calms the controversy and dims the spotlight, allowing other influential news to return to the forefront.

For example:

The College conceded in its fight to overturn the National Collegiate Athletic Association's decision to pluck the feathers from the Tribe logo (deeming them offensive to American Indians) when College President Gene Nichol e-mailed students Oct. 10 saying that the College would not take legal action. He wrote that suing the NCAA would divert the College's financial resources from other priorities and put College athletes in jeopardy of not being able to compete in some post-season events. Board of Visitors Rector Michael Powell '85

disagreed with the NCAA's decision but said he sees the ruling as a chance for the College to redefine its logo and image — a sentiment shared by Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler, who heads the committee that is currently developing a new logo.



COURTESY GRAPHIC — VIRGINIA.ORG
The NCAA ruled the Tribe feathers offensive.

policy of denying students the right to register to vote was unconstitutional. Former Williamsburg Voter Registrar Dave Andrews thought that students — with some exceptions — should

See **RECAPING** page 3

In glass case, cross returns

Religion committee's call for cross display case enacted over summer

By **ANGELA COTA**

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The controversial Wren Chapel cross was placed in a glass case over the summer, as a result of a March 6 decision by the Committee on Religion in a Public University.

The cross is accompanied by a plaque that explains its history. The plaque reads: "This cross was given to Williamsburg's Bruton Parish Church in 1907. About 1940, the church offered the cross to William and Mary for use in the Wren Chapel. It is placed on the altar upon request for Christian services, and also serves as a reminder of the College's unique Anglican heritage and of its close connection over the centuries with Bruton Parish."

The display case arrived at the College in early August. The cross sits upon a cabinet that was designed for the chapel during the 1929 restoration of the Wren Building.

The cabinet is three feet tall and made of walnut, matching the rest of the room in style. The cabinet had been kept in an office in the Wren Building until now. The glass case has a walnut base to match the cabinet.

The Committee on Religion in a Public University helped choose the case and accessories. Unless the cross is requested for the altar, it will rest in the case.

College President Gene Nichol decided in October that the 18-inch brass cross should

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SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

The brass cross that was removed last year has returned to the Wren Chapel in a display case.

College falls to 33 in U.S. News

By **ANDY ZAHN**

Flat Hat Editor-in-Chief

The College is the 33rd best doctoral-granting university in the country, according to the 2008 U.S. News & World report rankings, released Aug. 20. The College fell from its previous ranking of 31, a position it had held for the past four years.

Taking the College's place at 31 this year are two universities — Brandeis University, which shared the position with the College last year, and Lehigh University, which was ranked 33 last year.

College President Gene Nichol welcomed the new rankings.

"We're pleased that U.S. News continues to recognize William and Mary as one of the nation's very best universities," Nichol said to William and Mary News. "While

rankings can never capture the enthusiasm and talent of our students, faculty and staff, or the dedication and pride of our alumni, they remind us all that this great College is a national treasure. They remind, too, that we must always strive for excellence, opportunity and greater financial support for our College."

The College did improve in some aspects of the annual rankings — its financial resources ranked 106th this year, up from 111th last year. The College's financial resources ranking has steadily improved over the past few years, but it is still the worst showing for any of the top 50 national universities. The College recently completed its seven-year \$500 million fundraising campaign, raising more than \$517 million.

The College took a hit in its peer

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TOP 10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. U. of California-Berkeley
2. U. of Virginia
3. U. of California-Los Angeles
3. U. of Michigan-Ann Arbor
5. UNC-Chapel Hill
6. College of William and Mary
7. Georgia Tech
8. U. of California-San Diego
8. U. Of Illinois-UC
8. U. of Wisconsin-Madison

Delly sold, but not to Starbucks

By **KARA STARR**

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College Delly will not be sold to Starbucks.

Many students feared that the local eatery would be out of business this fall due to reports last year that the owner was close to reaching an agreement with the national coffee chain.

The Delly, though, has been sold to Jerry Tsitsidopoulos, who plans to retain the College Delly name and menu. Tsitsidopoulos is also the owner of Jerry's Painting in Williamsburg.

Dean Tsamouras, the Delly's former owner, sold the name, inventory and furnishings to Tsitsidopoulos Aug. 13. Tsamouras

will still own the land and building.

He told the Daily Press that he was glad to sell the Delly to a local man who has a family and is involved in the Williamsburg

community.

"I think the Delly is a family business," Tsamouras said in an interview with the Daily Press.

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ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

The College Delly will stay, but under new ownership.

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Weather

Friday



High 92°
Low 73

Saturday



High 98°
Low 76°

Sunday



High 94°
Low 73

Source: www.weather.com

Quotes of the Week

“While rankings can never capture the enthusiasm and talent of our students, faculty and staff, or the dedication and pride of our alumni, they remind us all that this great College is a national treasure.”

— College President Gene Nichol on the U.S. News and World Report ranking of the College.

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“One woman literally jumped out of her chair.”

— Vice-President of Student Affairs Sam Sadler on the demonstration of the new emergency alert system.

See **EMERGENCY** page 3

News in Brief

Thieves steal copper from campus

Copper thieves took \$2,000 worth of copper downspouts from the Dillard Complex and \$250 worth of copper from the machine shop in Small Hall July 28 and July 30, respectively, according to the Associated Press.

This second set of robberies follows a \$7,500 robbery of copper gutters from the Dillard Complex and wiring from a construction site earlier in July.

Outside the College, thieves stole downspouts from Seasons restaurant and wiring from some homes under construction in James City County.

Student and City leaders will attend reception

Williamsburg city officials and Student Assembly members involved in Public Affairs will meet Aug. 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. for a casual reception.

Twenty student assembly members will attend the event in Williamsburg, along with city officials such as members of City Council, the chief of police, planning and zoning commissioners and the city manager.

SA President Zach Pilchen '09 and Sen. Sarah Rojas '10 organized the reception.

— by Angela Cota

By the Numbers

2.86

The number of liberals for every conservative in the Class of 2011, based on self-identification on Facebook.

70 percent

The average acceptance rate at four-year colleges across the nation. The College's acceptance rate this year was 34 percent.

2 percent

The number of students nationally who applied to more than 10 colleges.

43

The number of courses offered in the Wren Building this fall.

78 percent

The proportion of history, government and philosophy classes with no openings left. Thirty-two percent of all classes at the College are full.

39 percent

The proportion of fatal crashes that involved alcohol. Seventy-six percent of fatal crashes occurring from midnight to 3 a.m. involved alcohol.

— by Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

Students at Virginia Tech (pictured above) were hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning Monday.

BEYOND THE BURG

Virginia Tech students poisoned by gas leak

Carbon monoxide seeps into apartment, five in critical condition

By ANGELA COTA

Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Twenty-three students at Virginia Tech were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning last Monday.

Five students, who lived in the same apartment, were in critical condition and three were in stable condition. Eighteen others were treated for less serious effects of the poisoning.

Helicopters flew the unresponsive students to hospitals; two went to University of Virginia Medical Center and three went to Duke University Medical Center. The 18 other students were treated at the local Montgomery Regional Hospital.

Their apartment was located in an apartment complex near the Virginia Tech campus. All the doors in the girls' apartment were closed and none of the apartments have carbon monoxide detectors.

Residents downstairs called to investigate a smell; they also felt nauseous and light-headed. All buildings are undergoing inspections and having carbon monoxide detectors installed. They are still closed for inspection; the fire department provided housing in a nearby hotel.

The leak was caused by a hot water heater with a bad pressure relief valve that did not let the carbon monoxide vent. The gas was seeping into the apartment for hours, and it reached

up to 500 parts per million of carbon monoxide. This is a potentially fatal level, as once carbon monoxide in a room reaches only 25 ppm, people begin to show symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The amount of carbon dioxide in the bodies of students in critical condition was 40 percent.

The normal amount in the human body is 1 percent.

These students were treated in a hyperbaric chamber, which pushes pressurized oxygen into blood and tissues.

The news broke as faculty and students gathered for a memorial for the shooting victims of last April. It was also the day before the beginning of classes.

STREET BEAT

What did you wish you knew as a freshman?



I wish I knew I was going to have as much closet space as I did.

Sarah McClendon '10



I wish someone would have told me Yates basement was going to overflow with sewage.

Charlie Cahoon '08



Ultimate Frisbee is a lot of fun. Come out to tryouts.

Ed Baumann '08



The layout of the campus.

Leticia Torres '09

— photos and interviews by Spencer Atkinson

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

April 17 to April 23

Monday, July 9 — A student in Jamestown South reported mail larceny. A report was completed for eBay that estimated the loss at \$600.

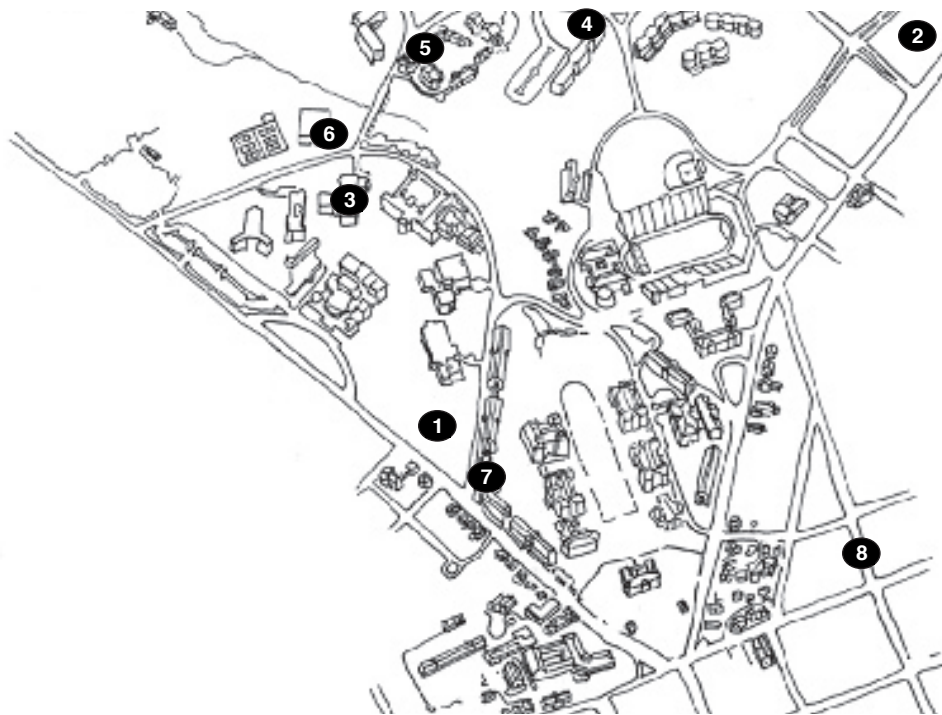
— Irrigation heads were reportedly stolen at the Dillard Complex.

Tuesday, July 10 — Approximately 90 ft. of copper wiring, valued at \$145, was

reported stolen at Small Hall.

Monday, July 16 — Staff member Taneka Thomas-Shelburne was arrested and charged with felonious credit card fraud and fraudulently receiving goods and services.

Friday, July 20 — Downspouts in the Dillard Complex were reported stolen. They are worth \$5,000.



Monday, July 23 — Copper, valued at \$2,500, was reported stolen at the Dillard Complex.

Saturday, July 28 — Copper, valued at \$2,000, was reported stolen near the Plumeri baseball field.

Sunday, July 29 — Three signs were reported stolen around the William and Mary Hall parking lot. The signs are valued between \$150 to \$200.

Monday, July 30 — A mattress, valued at \$1,300, was reportedly vandalized in Page Hall.

— A staff member reported that copper, valued at \$250, was missing from the machine shop at Small Hall.

Wednesday, Aug. 1 — A Human Resources staff member reported receiving a suspicious phone message.

Saturday, Aug. 4 — Skateboarders were caught trespassing at Adair Gym. They were advised to leave the property.

Sunday, Aug. 12 — The signs for Jefferson Hall and Jamestown North were reported missing. Both signs are valued at \$400.

Saturday, Aug. 18 — Williamsburg resident Brianne Cahill, 22, was arrested on Scotland Street and charged with a DUI.

Due to space limitations, not all crimes are listed.

—compiled by Austin Wright

This week in Flat Hat history

1929

The College administration and inter-fraternity council passed a plan that would not allow freshman to pledge fraternities until their second semester. College officials said that they hoped the plan would ensure that fraternities would be able to pledge members with good scholastic records.

1966

The library stationed an employee at the main entrance to ensure that all books were being checked properly. According to librarian William C. Pollard, on average, 384 books disappeared per year. He said 1.4 percent of the total collection had been lost over the last 13 years.

1976

Residence Life switched Dupont to a male dorm and Yates to a female dorm, reversing the dorms after over 10 years.

The switch was deemed necessary by the Associate Dean for Residence Hall Life because of Title IX's fair housing demands, and he admitted that Dupont "was in the best shape" of any dorm except for the Botetourt complex.

1980

This was the first year students could move into the Randolph Residences. For the first few weeks of school, they had no key cards to get in or permanent doors. Some had to stay in temporary housing while Cabell and Tazewell Halls were completed.

— compiled by Angela Cota, Morgan Figa and Kara Starr

'75 alum to deliver Convocation speech



COURTESY GRAPHIC — VCU
Michelle Whitehurst-Cook will address students at Convocation.

By **KARA STARR**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

This year's opening convocation speaker will be Michelle Whitehurst-Cook '75, the associate dean for admissions at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and a physician in the Medical College of Virginia clinic.

Whitehurst-Cook received a bachelor's degree in biology at the College. She was a founding member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority and was active in the Black Students Organization. She attended the VCU School of Medicine and became a faculty member in 1993 as an associate professor of family medicine. She has served as director of the pre-doctoral programs for the Department of Family Medicine, chair of the Admissions Committee and director for the Inner City/Rural Preceptorship program, an education program for medical students who want to serve the underprivileged.

She is the former president of the Virginia Academy of Family Physicians and currently serves as the president of the Richmond Medical Society. In 2006, she received the VCU Distinguished Service Award.

Convocation will be held Aug. 31 in the Wren Courtyard.

Campaign tops goal

By **JOSHUA BARR**
The Flat Hat

The largest fundraising initiative in College history officially closed June 30 with \$518 million, reaching its \$500 million goal three weeks early, on June 8. Implemented by former President Tim Sullivan, the seven-year campaign includes donations from more than 60,400 College alumni, parents and friends. The campaign had been public since 2003.

"These are remarkable figures," College President Gene Nichol said June 24 in a College press release. "But numbers alone cannot adequately express the impact this campaign has had, and will continue to have, in the life of the College."

The fund benefits scholarships, professorships, research, construction projects and many other initiatives.

"The campaign is an investment in the present and future of this great institution — it is an investment in our people, programs and places," Sean Pieri, vice president for University Development, said. The College's total endowment

grew by more than \$109 million during the course of the campaign. It stands at \$492 million as of June 2006.

Nichol exalts the commitment of Sullivan as well as the numerous students, faculty and alumni who contributed. "Again and again they answer the College's call to invest in our exceptional students and faculty — who continue, always, to press the boundaries of academic excellence."

Of the money raised, \$112 million supports academic research and student scholarships, \$45 million supports faculty and \$61 million supports construction and maintenance. Facilities that have already benefited from campaign funds include Alan B. Miller Hall, which will house the business school, the Integrated Science Center and the Lake Matoaka Amphitheater.

The Campaign raised \$81 million in unrestricted funds, which enable the College to address immediate needs. For Nichol, these flexible funds "fuel the entire College, allowing us to address opportunities when and where we find them."

New emergency alert system uses text messages, e-mail to contact students

By **MORGAN FIGA**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The College signed a contract with NTI Group Inc. for an emergency alert system that will be implemented this fall. The Connect-ED system, which cost between \$20,000 and \$22,000, allows members of the College's emergency action team to contact students, faculty, and other College employees by cell phone calls, text messages and e-mails instantaneously.

"We demonstrated the system to [local] press and [their cell phones] rang immediately," Vice President for Student Affairs Sam Sadler said. "One woman literally jumped out of her chair."

Sadler, who chairs the emer-

gency management team, and others including Vice President Anna Martin, members of the IT staff and Campus Police Chief Don Challis, began looking for a new method of communication last January while reviewing emergency protocol.

According to Tina Coleman of IT services, members of the College's Emergency Team are able to access the Connect-ED system online, where they can select message recipients, record and type the actual message and choose a time for message distribution. After completing these steps, the system immediately transmits voicemail and text messages to e-mails and cell phones. The system can hold up to six phone numbers and two e-mail addresses per individual.

"[It] adds a great deal to our ability to communicate," Sadler said. "No more waiting for three hours for my e-mail."

Sadler said he believes that the Connect-ED system is a vast improvement over the previous method of sending mass e-mails. While e-mails sometimes take several hours to reach students, Sadler said the new system allows for instant communication.

"Students can feel assured if there is a true emergency, [they] will get immediate no-

tice," he said.

Many campuses across the nation have begun to review their emergency protocol measures since the shootings at Virginia Tech last May.

According to a July press release, Tech adopted a similar program through 3n (National Notification Network) that will send text messages to mobile devices, voicemails to cell phones, e-mails and instant messages. Tech plans on using the system for emergency messages and weather-closing information.

Sadler and Coleman both said that the College's Connect-ED system will be used only for emergency messages.

"An emergency can be defined as any situation that is a threat of injury or harm to the campus community or inclement weather that may result in a College closing," Coleman said.

Sadler agreed. "It is intended to be used only when we go into emergency mode," he said.

Challis said that after a request for proposals from companies was submitted, the team looked at the companies' backgrounds and ensured that their primary concern is sending emergency information. He said that the NTI Group Inc., which has a history of working with

schools, best fits the college.

Sadler also said that he felt the Connect-ED system was a good program for the College. He was impressed by the system's response time and its ability to simultaneously send voicemail and text messages.

In addition, the system has follow-up capabilities to check and see which numbers and e-mail addresses the messages could not reach.

Coleman added that the system has the capability of sending two million messages per hour.

"The likelihood that we are not able to get through to students is pretty slim," Sadler said.

Sadler added that early after students return for fall semester, the College will run drills of the system for everyone. He said it is important to give students a sense of what the new system is like.

Students will be able to enter contact information into Banner by the beginning of the semester.

Sadler encouraged students to keep the College updated with contact numbers, which the college will only use in the event of an emergency.

"Anytime we improve communication it contributes to safe conditions," he said.



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
Students can now receive emergency alerts on their cell phones.

Judge refuses RIAA's subpoena of students

By **MORGAN FIGA**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

A federal judge dealt a major blow to the Recording Industry Association of America's effort to punish students at the College for illegally downloading music. In July, Judge Walter Kelly Jr. refused a motion from the RIAA that would have allowed the industry to discover the identity of seven students at the College based on their IP addresses.

The RIAA first sent pre-litigation letters to 12 College students in April.

The Flat Hat reported April 27 that the 12 students were asked to settle out of court for \$3,000.

In June, the RIAA issued subpoenas for the names of the seven students who reportedly refused to settle.

"In effect, the judge is saying 'not only did you cite the wrong law as the basis of your request, but even if this law is applied to colleges, you wouldn't be entitled to the information anyway,'" blogger Eric Bange-



FILE PHOTO — THE FLAT HAT
The lawsuits filed by the RIAA were part of an attempt to stop illegal downloading.

man wrote in a July article on Ars Technica online.

According to his article, the result of Kelley's decision is that the RIAA will not be able to discover the identities of the seven students at the College.

Bangeman added that if other judges follow this example, not only will the RIAA be unable to determine student identities, but it will give any student accused of file-sharing a chance to fight the subpoena in court.

The decision from the judge has not stopped the RIAA in what it calls a deterrence program.

According to an Aug. 16 press release from the RIAA, the industry issued 503 pre-litigation letters to 58 universities, including the College and other Virginia universities.

Recapping the top news stories of 2006-2007

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vote in their hometowns, where they reside permanently.

In early February, Student Assembly members were visibly frustrated when state lawmakers tabled a College-led bill to standardize guidelines for voter registration. That table suddenly turned in late April when Andrews — widely viewed as the driving force behind the constant denials of students' voter registration applications — was fired for reasons still unclear. His replacement, Winifred Sower, has already impressed several SA members with her responsive attitude toward student issues.

With the right to vote in Williamsburg comes a stronger voice in city-related issues, as local politicians realize they need to appeal to students in order to win elections. This gives students the opportunity to work closer with the city to attract college-oriented businesses that Williamsburg lacks.

Many students worried that two of the three alcohol-serving delis near campus would be out of business by the start of the upcoming fall semester. The College Delly last year had student reporters competing for the scoop on the fate of the Delly during its negotiations to sell to Starbucks. It is now known that the Delly will remain, but under new ownership. The Green Leaf restaurant faces a possible lawsuit for allegedly accidentally serving salmonella-infested chicken to rock band My Chemical Romance (who performed in William and Mary Hall in April), sickening the band and forcing MCR to can-

cel several concerts.

Students also sparred with the city over the "three-person rule," which allows no more than three unrelated people to live in a Williamsburg dwelling together. In late January, 38 students living in six houses were cited for breaking that law. The city asked the students to sign a letter promising future compliance and allowed them to finish out the semester in the houses.

A new era for SA election campaigns began last April, as candidates used websites, internet videos and Facebook groups to best their opponents with innovative strategies. College politics even inspired its first blogger, David Husband '09, who wrote 27 single-spaced pages worth of Facebook notes about the heated cam-

paigns. SA President Zach Pilchen '09 — considered by many students as the anti-establishment candidate — handily defeated his opponent and returns this year promising to take an aggressive, goal-oriented approach in dealing with the city.

Students responded to the April 16 shootings at Virginia Tech immediately, holding a candlelight vigil that night where students wept together for their friends in Blacksburg. "Truly it is in darkness that we're inclined to light," Nichol said as students shielded their candles from the wind. "I am reluctant to add words — cheap words — to touch the unspeakable tragedy."

Over the next couple weeks, students sold bracelets to raise money for the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund and signed banners as a way to grieve and show support.



JONATHAN SEIDEN — THE FLAT HAT
Queen Elizabeth II visited campus the day after blowout.

The result was a total of nine 6 ft. by 2 ft. banners that students drove to Blacksburg and presented to the Virginia Tech community.

Among other important news stories: The Class of 2010 included 77 students who were part of the new Gateway Program, one of Nichol's first accomplishments as president. The program provides Virginia students whose parents earn less than \$40,000 a year 100 percent of their financial need, which is determined by the federal financial aid program.

The University Center dining hall received 27 violations of the state health code — nine of those were considered critical violations — during an unannounced May 2006 inspection by the Virginia Department of Health. Since then, the UC has been inspected four times, receiving two, two, one and zero critical violations, respectively.

The housing lottery bumped 326 students, forcing them to find off-campus housing or wait to be reinstated, a process that often draws out into summer. This was 150 more students than were involuntarily bumped the previous year. The Col-

lege blamed the increase on the improved quality of campus housing caused by the closing of the remote Dillard Complex and the opening of the Jamestown dorms.

Finally, the College hosted several prominent public figures.

Renowned physicist Dr. Warren Buck, M.A. '70, Ph.D. '76, founder of the College's Black Students Organization, spoke at Convocation, and Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.) spoke on Charter Day.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates '65 returned to his alma mater to address graduates at Commencement. With former Supreme Court Justice and current College Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor in attendance, Gates thanked the College for inspiring him to pursue a career in public service.

And on a hot, early-May afternoon, 7,000 people united outside the Wren Building and its beloved chapel to glimpse Queen Elizabeth II, the 81-year-old British monarch, as she entered the Great Hall and became an honorary member of the Class of 2007.

Stories from The Flat Hat archives were used as research for this report.



CASEY SCULLY — THE FLAT HAT
Students gathered for a candlelight vigil on the night of the shootings at Virginia Tech.

Wren cross returns

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be removed from permanent display. Nichol said he intended to make the chapel more welcoming to all faiths, but he later admitted that the decision was made without properly consulting the College community.

The decision sparked a national controversy, with major news networks like CNN picking up the story and capturing the attention of alumni and others associated with the College.

Nichol created the Committee on Religion in a Public University to investigate the role of religion in the public university and come to a decision on the cross.

The controversy that followed Nichol's decision his has led to a movement by disgruntled alumni to end Nichol's presidency. An anti-Nichol website, ShouldNicholBeRemoved.org, is made up of students and alumni who feel that Nichol should be fired. The site's creators, who are not named, have posted a petition on the site to ask the Board of Visitors to not renew Nichol's contract, which is up for review June 30, 2008.

This has created counter movements, such as the blog "WM Fights Back" at WMFightsBack.blogspot.com, which is also linked to the Facebook.com group, "Support Gene Nichol."

WM Fights Back is made up of alumni and students who say that their goal is to tell the truth about Nichol. Members often respond to posts from ShouldNicholBeRemoved.org.

Renovations completed at Lake Matoaka Amphitheater

By ANGELA COTA
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On the shores of Lake Matoaka, the revitalized Lake Matoaka Amphitheater waits for the school year and student discovery.

The last concert was held there in 2005, meaning only this year's juniors and seniors could have attended; however they will see a new amphitheater with the members of the incoming freshman class, who are scheduled to see it this weekend. The opening

comedy show for Freshman Orientation will be performed there, "so people can get exposed to the area right away," Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Constantine said.

Repairs, which took place between March 2006 and April 2007, included removing graffiti, fixing brick, replacing infrastructure, replacing seating and resurfacing the stage.

The result is a clean and accessible venue with the capacity to seat 1,700. Of those seats, 575 are hard seats, while the rest of the space is tiered lawn seating.

The \$7.5 million project was funded by \$2.5 million in 2002 General Obligation Bonds and \$5 million privately raised. In order to combat deterioration after the expensive project, the Student Affairs Office will stay on top of repairs and staff will be down there during events, Constantine said.

"[There are] not any specific policies to prevent damage, but we will know when it's going to be used. Because of the amount of money [spent], we will have staff down there during events," Constantine said. "Though the times it's not being used, people can walk down there, so you just have to hope that will be okay."

Constantine said he is hopeful that students will use the facility frequently.

"As with any facility on campus, students that want to use it will go to the scheduling

office and request Matoaka. Then they will probably talk to me about what would be approved and what wouldn't be approved," he said. "If there were 50 people attending, then no, it wouldn't make sense to use it. We'll use it primarily for entertainment and that type of thing."

UCAB already has a number of events lined up. Hypnotist Tom Deluca will perform there Sept. 1. Over the summer, bands performed there every Wednesday night. The Matoaka Summer Concerts Series, formerly known as New Town After Hours, ran from June 13 to Aug. 22.

During the year, the amphitheater will be available for the public to rent out. Administration will be cautious at first with renting it out, so that students can have priority, especially during times like spring break and Commencement, Constantine said.

However, Sheila Sheppard '06 who was class president for two years and was appointed to the Building Committee for the project, still worries that the amphitheater will be too public.

"I was only able to attend one meeting, at which point the bulk of the decision making had been made regarding the extent of the project, its budget and scope," she said. "I recall that a concern was that the amphitheater would become less a student venue and more a tourist and community venue."

Constantine remains confident that students will make the most

use of the facility.

"I think when students see it, they'll be very impressed. We'll have a harder time keeping people away than anything," he said. "It won't take long to catch on."

The amphitheater was built in 1947 for Paul Green's drama "The Common Glory," which tells the story the American Revolution. Attendance declined after tourists started losing interest in the 1950s. When the play failed to attract attendees during America's Bicentennial in 1976, its producers gave up and an era of student use began.

"It was one of my favorite retreats as a student, first introduced to me by my freshman year RA during a hall program," Sheppard said. "We walked down from Barrett Hall and soaked in the sunshine and peaceful atmosphere, part of its charm no doubt being its slightly abandoned and liberated atmosphere. The towers, commemorated with mysterious graffiti, were particularly endearing."

Several concerts were held there over the years, including The Dave Matthews Band in

1994, Ben Folds in 2003 and the Pat McGee Band in 2005.

"It was for "The Common Glory" play; after that it was used for student, faculty and community events," Vice President for Administration Anna Martin said. "It was used less frequently as it deteriorated."

Even so, students seemed to enjoy the location.

"I also recall going to several rallies, one for my brother's campaign for Student Assembly office, complete with a mini bonfire. I know many sororities and fraternities as well as other organizations used the place for fundraising events," Sheppard said. "I also frequently enjoyed the amphitheater to bring my family to sit on the dock when they visited, or to study with friends or have a picnic on the grass. It was a place where students could venture, still being on campus but escaping the manicured structures and watchful eye."

Students will no longer remember Matoka Ampitheater as a hideout, but the promised events will help them make memories there all the same.



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Delly changes owners

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"I'm happy, so happy. ... because I want it to go on."

Tsitsidopoulos decided to buy the Delly about a month ago and plans to continue running it as a family business.

"I have four sons, all raised in Williamsburg, and it would be a great place for them to work someday," Tsitsidopoulos said.

As for the future of the Delly, Tsitsidopoulos plans to make minimal changes, mostly dealing with the appearance of the building.

He is going to put money toward painting both the outside and the inside, as well as land-

scaping and getting new awnings. The menu will not be changedl.

This arrangement should appease the multitudes of students who protested the sale of the Delly to Starbucks.

The Student Assembly passed a "Defense of Night Life" act that opposed the deal, and many students joined anti-Starbucks Facebook groups.

"I want to have more specials for College students and themed nights [like hookah nights] on Wednesdays and other days too," Tsitsidopoulos said. "I want the College kids to come here and just eat and drink and have fun."



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Profiling Class of '11

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16 percent higher than female applicants.

This caught the attention of U.S. News & World Report in an article about the increasing difficulty to maintain gender equality on college campuses, noting that the College “is altering its admissions rates to achieve gender balance, if not parity. In the past decade, the school’s portion of women in the undergraduate body has fallen from 60 percent to 54 percent.”

Out of the 10,528 applications fielded for admission this fall, 64 percent were female. Despite this statistic, only 53 percent of the admitted students were female, meaning that 28 percent of female applicants were admitted, compared to 44 percent of male applicants.

The Department of Education reported that the college-bound population is 57 percent female, and will grow to 60 percent female by 2010.

“Our awareness of this demographic reality certainly informs our recruitment strategy in terms of striving to ensure that qualified men know about the opportunities available at [the College],” Broaddus said.

Both genders had about a 37 percent yield rate, generating an enrolling class of 728 females and 630 males.

“[The College] values a gender balance within its student community,” Broaddus said. “Nonetheless, at no point in our admission process do we hold men, or any other subset of the applicant pool, to a different set of admission standards. The only demographic criterion to which the College is beholden is the in-state/out-of-state ratio of 65/35 as per its agreement with the commonwealth of Virginia.”

Sixty-one students were accepted from the waitlist for this fall, which is a significant leap from the 14 who were accepted from last year’s waitlist. Waitlist admission rates vary every year, but typically

remain under 5 percent of the overall class.

“Many institutions intentionally control the last portion of the class through the waitlist in order to avoid oversubscribing their on-campus housing. We try to hit the mark as closely as possible without use of the waitlist, and a margin of error under 5 percent is actually quite good when it comes to predicting the behavior of 17 year olds,” Broaddus said.

The waitlist may be used more frequently if the number of early decision admits continues to drop, to make up for students who are admitted at the College but choose to enroll elsewhere.

“Predictability for an enrolling class has become an increasingly slippery thing,” Broaddus said. “The average number of applications a student submits continues to rise. Furthermore, the absence of an early admission round for Harvard, Princeton and U.Va. next year means that more of the highly competitive students who matriculate at those institutions will persist longer in the admission process at other institutions, including [the College.]”

Twenty-seven percent of out-of-state students were accepted, compared to 43 percent of in-state students. The acceptance rate for minority students was 47 percent, which represents 26 percent of the total admitted students. Legacy applicants had a 57 percent acceptance rate, and 51 percent of transfer students were accepted.

The class includes a real estate appraiser, a banjo player, a locomotive engine racer, an antique phonograph collector, a women’s lacrosse player who was featured in Sports Illustrated, a female captain of a men’s golf team and a student who founded an organization that raised \$40,000 for breast cancer research.

“As the profile of this year’s class evidences, we continue to deliver a diverse and accomplished freshman class,” Broaddus said. “At the end of the day, that’s the benchmark that counts most.”

College ranked 33

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score – the most heavily weighted factor. After years of having a peer score of 3.8 out of 5.0, the College dipped to a 3.7 score this year.

Princeton University tops the list for the eighth year in a row. Princeton is followed by second-ranked Harvard University and third-ranked Yale University.

The College remains the sixth-highest-ranked public university in the country, falling behind 21st-ranked University of California—Berkeley, 23rd-ranked University of Virginia., 25th-ranked University of California Los Angeles and University of Michigan and 28th-ranked University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, but ahead of 35th-ranked Georgia Institute of Technology.

The College’s best showing in the annual rankings came in 1988 when it was ranked 22. In 1996, the College received its lowest ranking of 34. The College was ranked 33 two times previously — in 1997 and 1999.

The rankings are available as part of U.S. News & World Report’s annual “America’s Best Colleges” guide.

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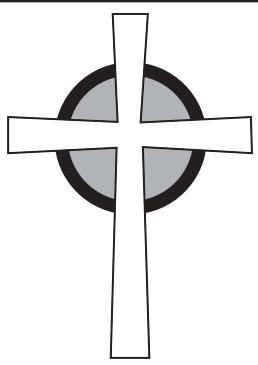


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Rankings fall short

While at first glance the College’s slight slip in the annual U.S. News and World Report rankings of the nation’s best universities may seem discouraging, there are several areas in which the College improved markedly, and the statistics themselves still suggest that the College is highly competitive in relation to other public and private universities.

While we feel it is not our place to judge the merits of Lehigh and Brandies Universities — the two schools that replaced the College as the 31st best school in the country — we feel that the College remains one of the very top schools in the country, and underrated by the criteria used by U.S. News.

The College’s particularly strong alumni giving rank — tied with the University of Virginia as one

of the highest for a public school — reminds us of the strong ties College students feel with their alma mater.

Despite receiving an overall rank of 33 — 10 spots lower than U.Va. — a convincing case can still be made that the College is the most selective doctoral-granting university in Virginia. The College’s 32 percent acceptance rate is five points lower than U.Va.’s, and its SAT range remains 10 points higher. Lower faculty-to-student ratios and a strong graduation and retention ranking also place the College at the top of Virginia’s institutions of higher learning.

We hope that our readers recognize that while the College’s rank may be falling, the sky certainly

Dive in, freshmen

Whether you are a savvy newspaper reader, or you just decided to pick up The Flat Hat to mop the sweat off your forehead as you carry boxes, fridges or toasters — which we’re pretty sure are illegal — through the staircases and halls of the Barrett and Dupont Hotels or the Botetourt Dungeons, we’re certainly glad you’re reading. We are also happy to have you, the new, diverse and talented freshmen class, here at the College.

What will follow in the coming days and weeks will be a whirlwind ride of new names and faces, getting lost on the way to class, bonding with your hall mates and, for your sake, hopefully picking up a sandwich with extra house dressing at the Cheese Shop. Immediately following all of this will be the fastest four years of your life: a hackneyed expression that you’ve probably heard from parents and friends, but whose meaning and validity you will soon discover.

All of this being said, we move on to another

overused, yet applicable, phrase: dive in. There is no better way to approach your time here, particularly your first several weeks, than to visit the activities fair, explore on and off campus (but stay out of the steam tunnels), ask questions of upperclassmen, professors and staff, play sports with friends or run for a position on hall council or student government. Sure, you may not be able to participate in all 50 clubs you signed up for at the activities fair, but who cares? On a related note, try signing your friends up for everything possible on campus without them knowing — it’s hilarious.

You are beginning a very special time in your lives — a time of unparalleled excitement, apprehension, fun and, inevitably, a time that may necessitate more showers in a single day than you’ve ever taken before. Dive in and live before it’s too late.

And yes, we hate the name game too, but it actually is useful and may give you ammunition for senior year jokes and reflection.

The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may not be less than 500 words nor more than 700. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

Off-campus discrimination

Max Fisher
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Welcome Class of 2011. You are going to learn a great many things this week. You will sit through orientation sessions. You will attend your very first college classes. But there is one thing that will not be covered in any orientation meetings or listed on any course syllabi, despite its being so constant and pervasive here that it seems to thicken the very air we all breathe. That thing is legalized discrimination.

Perhaps you’ve read about discrimination in your high school social history classes or heard stories from parents about civil rights protests, but you have probably not lived it yourself. You probably thought it had been banished from American government long ago. I know I did. The defeat of institutionalized discrimination is, after all, a point of such national pride that we celebrate it every January during Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. But discrimination is still alive and well here in Williamsburg. And you are the target.

The Williamsburg City Council, led by Mayor Jeanne Zeidler, rules its eight and a half square miles with a shockingly unconcealed loathing for the William and Mary students that make up over half of the town’s population. There are many examples of this, but one of the most outrageous is the city’s open hostility to students who try to live in off-campus rental houses.

It started in 1991, when the city passed a law forbidding more than three non-related people to live together. (For non-math majors, that would be after the first three centuries of the College’s history, during which time no such law ever became necessary.) This law can only serve to prevent students from living off-campus. Most Williamsburg houses are very large and the only way students can afford them is by splitting the rent between several people.

Zeidler’s justification for the law seems to change with the seasons, but I’ll address some of her more common excuses for this particular bit of discrimination. Zeidler has said that allowing more than three unrelated people to live together would make parking on residential streets too tight. I live on Harrison Avenue, one of the most centrally located and student-heavy residential streets in Williamsburg, and there is always plenty of open parking. Indeed, I have never had a problem finding open parking on any residential Williamsburg street. This is because there are a limited number of street parking permits granted. If parking did indeed

become scarce, the city could simply issue fewer permits.

Zeidler has also said that the goal of the law is to “maintain the single-family character of the city’s residential neighborhoods.” The brazen discrimination of legislating what kind of people can live where is jaw-dropping — try replacing “single-family” with the words “middle class” or “Christian” or “white” and see if her logic still seems defensible. But even Orval Faubus, the Arkansas governor who worked to maintain the all-white “character” of his public schools until the National Guard interceded, probably thought he was justified.

Zeidler’s enforcement of the “three-person rule,” as it is known among students, has been ruthless. Most recently, Jan. 31, the city announced that it had found 38 violators of the rule. How many of the 38 victims do you suppose were students? That’s right — every single one. The students were told they would not be evicted until the end of that semester but the wording of the notice clearly implied that this might not be the case for future violators.

Worse, the city did not seek out the violators by following up noise complaints or parking violations or any other neighborhood disturbances. Rather,

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it only checked the College’s registry of student addresses. Any address with more than three students registered to it received an eviction notice. The city went after students and only students.

Not convinced students are the targets? Last August, the Williamsburg City Council voted to allow Busch Entertainment to house 80 Russian exchange workers in 20 motel rooms, then turned around and denied a permit for four students to live in a house together.

As far as I can tell, no one who was not a student at the College has ever been held accountable for this ridiculous rule. Overcrowding of local houses, it seems, is not the real issue here. The only issue seems to be that the Williamsburg City Council does not like College students living here. And they want us to know it.

I wish I could tell you that this was the worst crime that Zeidler and the Williamsburg City Council commit against students, but it is not even close. Next week, this column will explore the extensive lengths to which the City Council has gone to block students from voting.

Max Fisher is a senior at the College.



By NATE BURGESS, FLAT HAT GRAPHICS EDITOR

Changing perspectives

Ashley Baird
FLAT HAT MANAGING EDITOR



This fall marks the first time in 21 years that my parents have had an empty nest. Now, I’m not sure how much they miss me anymore — as I’m a senior, they’re used to my absence — but I know they miss my kid brother, Josh. We made the five-hour drive to Radford a week ago, moved him in and left. No ceremony, no lengthy goodbyes, just a few hard hugs, some words of wisdom and a wave. As we headed home in silence, I realized that there was so much I wanted to say to him on his first day as a college student.

Looking back, I can remember how it felt: a slithering mixture of excitement, nervousness, anticipation and the terrible urge to be sick. So many strangers (one of whom I had to live with), so many new rules and freedoms. A huge wide world in which I could either grow or drown, and classes where the professors were going to challenge me. I was leaving the comfort of a supportive family.

It was terrifying. Liberating. It made me feel so small, but so lucky. What would I do with the next four years? Would I be successful? Would I have fun, have friends? Would I get lost on the first day of classes? Would I like the cafeteria food?

Josh probably felt and thought many of the same things that day. He was a little pale, a little quiet. He looked small and alone as we pulled out of the parking lot beside his dorm.

I could have told him not to worry. That the fun and friends would come so easily, and would have

so many rewards. That getting lost on the first day of classes happens, and it’s no real tragedy. That yeah, cafeteria food sucks. Not much anyone can do about that. That as long as he pays attention, as long as he finds what he loves and studies it, school will be both challenging and wonderfully enlightening. That the next four years of his life will be, without a doubt, some of the best he will ever have; very few things will ever come close.

I could have told him that, as a senior, I see things differently. I’m looking back on my freshman year and yearning to be there again. I’m not saying that being a senior doesn’t have its charms. But freshman year is special. Bonds of friendship are made, there are adventures and discoveries to be had, horizons to be widened. In my freshman year alone, I discovered that I love Korean food and Bollywood movies, and that the time I spend with my friends is just as precious and important as the time I spend learning. I didn’t know then how much I had to look forward to, how many

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great things were to come.

So a little advice from a seasoned senior to all of you who, like my brother, are entering the hallowed halls of higher education for the first time this fall: don’t be nervous — take hold of this year with both hands, hold tight. There’s so much you can do with it.

To all my fellow seniors: remember the first year in the midst of your last. Remember how it really was pretty much perfect.

Ashley Baird is a senior at the College.

Dorm dynamics

Chase Johnson
FLAT HAT EXECUTIVE EDITOR



Welcome to Williamsburg in August. It’s hot. It’s muggy. You likely don’t have central air conditioning. And you thought college would be paradise away from home.

The truth is, it will. But I hate to be the one to tell you it likely won’t start out that way. You’ve been thrust into a very new situation, and over the next few days, you’ll be feeling out your new hall-mates, participating in mixers with people whose names you won’t remember and learning all over again that underage drinking is bad.

By now you’ll have met those chipper upper-classmen in the bright yellow T-shirts commonly referred to as Orientation Aides. Get to know them, as they will likely be the first friends you make outside your hall. And don’t worry if you can’t remember the name of that kid you “met” playing Train Wreck or at CU at the UC. No one actually enjoys those activities during orientation, and it is my sneaking suspicion that they are really an attempt to facilitate bonding within your own hall as you commiserate about how stupid they are.

The key to making the most of your orientation experience is to open yourself up to meeting new people. It’s probably been at least four years since you encountered so many new faces, so don’t shut yourself off. Keep your dorm room door open to encourage visitors and take a stroll to the water fountain to see who is hanging around.

The point is to get to know the people on your hall, because they will create a base group of friends that will help make the transition to college significantly easier. Most people find themselves staying close with a good number of people from their freshman halls throughout their time at the College.

Conversely, as important as it is to become friendly with your new neighbors, it’s also good to avoid awkward situations. Of course, you’ll have to come to terms with the fact that you are unlikely to make it through a full semester, let alone the year, without embarrassing yourself. You’re bound to accidentally see a roommate naked, stumble in on a compromising situation or slip on some wet bricks in front of countless classmates — consider that a warning, by the way. But what you can try to avoid is alienating people on your hall. Disagreements are bound to happen, but don’t let them escalate to the point that you are going down the back stairs to avoid running into a certain person.

Also, avoid hallcest. If you are unfamiliar, hallcest is a dorm phenomenon that occurs when two hallmates hook up, usually in an altered state of awareness (and haven’t you learned that underage drinking is bad?). These temporary hook-ups are tempting given the proximity of the partner and the fact that you probably already know the person. But these encounters are hard to live down when they don’t work out. Plus, they make things awkward for both the people directly involved as well

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as with others on the hall.

I promise that the Orientation period will pass, and that you will come to feel less like a tourist and more like a student at the College. You will make friends and college life will be everything it is made out to be. But until that time, keep this information in mind:

1. Chanello’s Pizza is open until 3 a.m.
2. Wawa is always a good decision.
3. Be careful with the orientation adjective game. Embarrassing adjectives have a tendency to stick.

Chase Johnson is a senior at the College.

VARIETY

Wise up on Williamsburg words

By ALICE HAHN
Flat Hat Variety Editor

Confusion may be a daily part of Williamsburg life, but the only real confusion affects drivers around Confusion Corner. Students have their own vernacular to describe life at the College.

The Caf — Located on the edge of campus near Yates Hall and the Randolph Complex, the Commons dining facility features more interesting and flavorful options — and



ALICE HAHN — THE FLAT HAT
The Thomas Jefferson statue in CW is a favorite photo op for tourists.

friendlier service — than the University Center. Sweats, gym shorts and T-shirts tend to be the attire of choice at the Caf. Its proximity to the Rec and practice fields means it is frequented mainly by freshmen and athletes.

The Cheese Shop — This convenient eatery is one of the dining darlings of Williamsburg and creates specialty sandwiches to order. Their house dressing and bread ends are a favorite of students sick of campus food.

The College — Some may refer to William and Mary, but the more common shorthand for our university is simply the College.

Confusion Corner — Five roads converge where campus meets CW: Richmond Road, Jamestown Road, Duke of Gloucester Street and North and South Boundary Street. Easy to traverse as a pedestrian, the intersection is a source of perpetual confusion for tourists and parents unaccustomed to Williamsburg roads.

CW — Simpler than the cumbersome Colonial Williamsburg, CW is the tourist haven east of campus that begins just past the Wren Building. It comprises Merchants Square and many colonial-era recreations, including the Capitol Building and the Governor’s Palace.

Daily Grind — Every college student

appreciates the necessity of caffeine. When you get sick of the UC’s poor excuse for coffee, head across the UC Terrace to the Grind. If you don’t have money on your Express, be sure to bring cash; the fresh coffee, tea and baked goods cannot be purchased with Flex Points or credit cards.

The Delis — Where most college towns have bars, Williamsburg has delis. Paul’s Deli and the Green Leafe Cafe on Scotland Street and the College Delly on Richmond Road are great places for a local meal. After dark, they compose the hopping nightlife scene of the town.

Dodge Room — The Caf, UC and Marketplace aren’t the only places to use your meal plan. Tucked away behind Andrews Hall, the Dodge Room is perfect for grabbing a quick lunch. Stop by on your way to class to buy a sandwich, ice cream or a salad with Flex Points.

DoG street — A pedestrian walkway, Duke of Gloucester Street forms the heart of CW. It

is home to a variety of shops and popular restaurants, including student favorites such as the Trellis and Fat Canary.

Ho House — The Hospitality House, across Richmond Road from the Alumni House, is recognizable by the large pineapple on its sign. Its proximity to campus makes it a choice hotel for parents during Family Weekend and alumni returning for Homecoming.

Jamestown Beach — If the hour drive to Virginia Beach seems too long, don’t worry. Though not on the ocean, Jamestown Beach is a short 15-minute drive from campus. Take the Colonial Parkway toward Jamestown and you’ll arrive at this charming beach on the James River.

Merchants Square — The non-historical side of CW features a variety of shops and restaurants ranging from the kitschy College Shop to the preppy haven of pink and green, Pink Cabana. Be sure to show your College ID at the Campus Shop to receive 20 percent off your purchase.

Mug Night — To draw business Sunday nights, the Green Leafe Cafe sells discounted mugs of beer.

New Town — A short drive from campus, New Town calls itself a “mixed-use ‘New Urbanism’ community.” A movie theater and local hangouts such as the Corner Pocket are interspersed with apartments and more mainstream shopping options.

The Outlets — A few miles down Richmond Road lies the Prime Outlets, an outlet mall housing nearly 100 stores. An additional set of stores, including Burberry and Tommy Bahama, is slated to open in the spring.

Rape trail — There is a shorter way to get from the Unit E end of the frats back toward the UC. This poorly lit path has earned an unfortunate moniker, but is just as safe as any other part of campus.

Sex Change — Short for Student Exchange, the Sex Change is on the bottom floor of the UC, just past Quiznos. You can use Flex Points, Express, credit cards or cash at this most convenient of convenience stores.

Steer Clear — When flitting between parties on and off campus, driving is often not an option and walking wastes valuable social time. Call Steer Clear, the sorority- and fraternity-sponsored safe ride program that runs Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Sketchy cups — Parties can vary a lot, but 18 oz. cups are a given. Usually red, they are perfect for beer pong, flip cup or just holding a drink.

Thirsty Thursday — Sometimes two days isn’t long enough for a weekend. To combat this, many students consider Friday a full-fledged weekend day. Those who can do so skip Friday classes or avoid scheduling them so they can start partying Thursday night.

Triathlon — Graduation requires completing countless tasks. Arguably the most important, albeit unofficial, is the triathlon, a set of three activities usually completed in the middle of the night. Students must streak the Sunken Garden, swim in the Crim Dell and jump the Governor’s Palace wall and find their way to the center of the maze.

UC — The University Center in the middle of campus houses Lodge 1, your mailbox, the Center Court dining hall and a number of meeting rooms. The dining hall itself is often referred to simply as the UC.

The Units — To avoid breaking the Williamsburg ordinance prohibiting more than three unrelated people from living together, Greek housing is on campus. The Units are the College’s version of frat row. Fraternity brothers live and host parties in a series of connected, cramped buildings on New Campus. Non-frat Units are the residences of sophomores with the worst lottery numbers.



COURTESY PHOTO — ALI SNELL
Orientation Aides help freshmen complete paperwork during the check-in process.

OAs guide freshmen into College career

By ASHLEY MORGAN
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As freshmen and transfer students descend onto campus, they are welcomed by the smiling faces of the yellow-shirted Orientation Aides — more commonly referred to as OAs. The next five days of orientation help students ease into college life and become familiar with the College.

To prepare for orientation, the OAs underwent three days of training before the incoming students arrived. “Training ... has included a large number of different activities including planning and rehearsing skits, planning mixers [and] getting information” that the OAs themselves will need to convey to the new students, senior and Orientation Aide Director Ashley Slaff said. Orientation is lead by the Dean of Students Office, but takes place with the help of around 180 volunteers.

The extensive OA staff includes several positions: Freshman OAs, who serve as the leaders for the freshman halls during orientation; Transfer OAs, who lead transfer students through orientation; and Program and Family OAs (more commonly known as PFOAs), who put on skits for the new students, give tours of places such as the library and put on informative presentations.

The orientation staff is led by 10 Orientation Aide Directors who have been planning since December. According to Slaff, OADs “work during orientation to make sure things are running smoothly and deal with any large problems.” These aides have more experience and are able to pass on their knowledge to the new OAs.

“To be an OAD you just have to apply and have already been an OA ... it is a way to keep improving orientation,” senior Claire Guendel said. “We limit the returning OAs to 75 ... so others have the opportunity.”

Many times, students have extremely positive experiences with their OAs and want to provide that for future classes at the College. “I had heard that it was an amazing experience and

a lot of fun working with older William and Mary students, and then getting to greet the incoming freshmen,” sophomore Ali Snell said. “I am really passionate about everything WM. [It] seemed like another great opportunity to be insanely spirited and excited.”

To get the orientation staff acquainted with each other, OAs and OADs participated in bonding activities during training as a way to bring everyone together. The PFOA staff made sashes to wear during orientation, while other staffs participated in a flag football game with the RAs. “Bonding ... is especially important for the PFOA staff since we spend a lot of time together during orientation,” Slaff said. A cohesive staff facilitates orientation, helping freshmen to transition better to college life.

However, OA training is not all fun and games. The serious subjects that OAs relay to their “OA Babies” is presented and reviewed with them in the same sort of manner that the OAs will present the new students. Sexual Assault Educator Trisha Hunsatser and Health Education Specialist Sarah Irwin from the Dean of Students office held a presentation on sexual assault and other issues during OA training. To help prepare OAs, the presentations included simulations of what the new students will experience.

“Right now [training] is a lot of sitting and listening to various people from around the College talking to us about things like Tribe Pride, athletics, sex and alcohol [and] academics,” Snell said. These subjects help ensure the OAs are well-informed and allow the aides to help the new students become comfortable at the College.

This training and preparation guarantees that the OAs can welcome the students into the College community and make the transition as easy as possible. “[We want to be] able to offer all sorts of avenues for success to the incoming students,” Snell said. “Right now we are getting kind of stir crazy and just want all the meetings and whatnot to be over with and have everyone arrive and make sure we start off this year right.”



ALICE HAHN — THE FLAT HAT
Viewed from Richmond Road, Confusion Corner is the five-road intersection where Old Campus and CW converge.

Journey of a budding writer: far too young and inexperienced

James Damon
CONFUSION CORNER COLUMNIST



Go to college planning to become a writer, but not just any writer — a penman with three best-selling novels, two apartments and one house in Maine. One apartment should overlook the Western Edge of Central Park in New York City; the other should be in Paris. Your first novel will consume your summer before college. Consider, at first, writing a coming-of-age story about a teenager who is part werewolf. You will title the book Teenage Werewolf. Every day you will wake up intending to write, but something — a death in the family or a two-for-one special at the local Dairy Queen — will always distract you. This ultimately will be for the best: Coming-of-age tales make the most predictable first novels. Decide

that, as a boy of 18, your writing has yet fully developed anyway, and therefore this first great work should be put off until you learn more.

When you get to college, enroll in English classes. In your free time you will read books about Kentucky and other parts of the United States that you know nothing about. Your creative writing teacher will tell you that a good writer writes what he knows, so you will do this. You will write one story about strangers trapped on a deserted island, and another tale where a pair of rabbits eats dinner with a black widow spider. Take particular pride in the second story because you consider it a deconstruction of the traditional fairy tale. At the end the black widow spider kills the two rabbits. In order to incorporate your extra curricular readings, there will be at least one character from Kentucky in every short story.

You will feel disconsolate when your creative writing teacher hands back your stories. Her comments will engulf the margins of each page in a brushfire of red scrawl. Aside from circling

grammatical errors, her comments will say things like “Interesting premise, but where was this story going?” or “Why were the rabbits in your story from Kentucky?” You will curse your professor for failing to understand your subtle message. You will also begin loathing the other students in your class, particularly those who write better than you. Call them suck-ups and leave unsigned comments on their stories that say things like “I hope this was only your first draft.”

When you get a B+ in your creative writing class, you will be upset. This poor mark will burden you during winter break, and you will refuse to enroll in another creative writing class, which, are in your words, “utter wastes of time.” You will begin loathing many of your professors because they all seem to give you the same lowly grade. Soon your grade point average will plummet to embarrassing lows. When friends talk about graduate school you will have to leave the room, or you may begin crying. By the end of freshman year, your grades will have

sunk so low that you are permanently barred from every prestigious masters of creative writing program in the country.

Consider transferring the entire summer after your freshman year. The problem with your writing, you will decide, is not your fault. Realize that your present university suffers from a lack of creativity, and this institutional flaw will continue to stifle your artistic growth. You will visit the webpages of Oberlin College and Kenyon College — places where people care more about writing and less about accounting. Ultimately you will decide to remain for two reasons: because trying situations inspire great writing and because these other colleges cost more than your state school.

When you return as a sophomore, write regularly for your school’s newspaper. Come to appreciate news writing, which reveres brevity. Write one article on local zoning ordinances and another article about

Full coverage: virgins to nymphos

Emily Powell
BEHIND CLOSED DOORS COLUMNIST



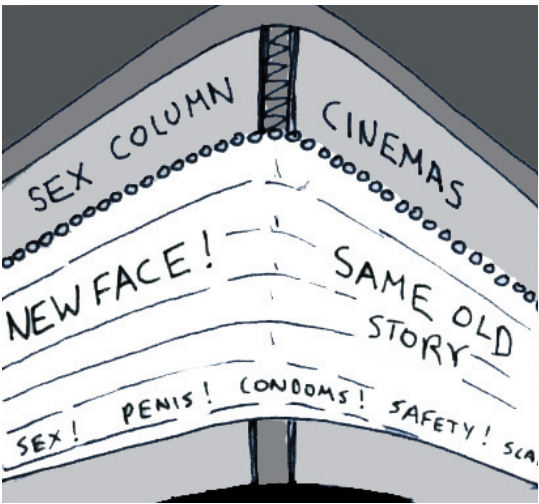
Hello, freshmen. This year holds countless of experiences for you, marked by many firsts in your academic and social careers: the first long-term roommate, the first bad grade on a test, the first time away from a parent’s scrutiny, the first of many times jumping the wall. I will be joining you in a first, as this is my first sex column for The Flat Hat.

People say that college will be the best time of your life, but that depends on you. This is the time for you to find yourself. If you’re the only person from your home town, all the better — no need to worry about preconceived notions of who you are. Were you the frumpy girl in sweatpants who never had a date? Reinvent yourself. Were you the last guy to find a doubles partner for both tennis and Prom? Get out there and play. Whomever you were, you belong here. Everyone has doubts about it in the beginning, but soon you won’t be able to imagine attending another school.

An integral piece of you waiting to be reinvented is your sexuality. Hopefully I can help in that arena. I will try to step as gracefully as possible into the dominatrix boot prints of my predecessor Kate Prengaman, although my writing will branch from hers in different ways. Her columns were written for students who had engaged in sex or planned on doing it soon. My plan for this column is to focus on different aspects of sexuality, allowing for a bridge between virgins and nymphomaniacs. Sexuality isn’t exclusively sex; you can be sexy just for yourself. I plan to write for everyone on campus who wants to grow into their sexuality. And seriously — who doesn’t? I’ll start by explaining to you the tools you’ll need throughout your years to keep a baseline of sexual health.

If you live on the Sunken Garden side of campus, you may be eating at the Marketplace rather often. Ask a student at the Candy Counter where to find the “Fishbowl,” or just go exploring. There are posters listing ideas for dates and explanations of sexually transmitted infections, and the fishbowls on the counter offer regular and flavored condoms and lubricants. There is nothing better than free lube, and the little packets are the perfect discreet size.

Never forget about your resident assistant. They aren’t there to punish you or clean up after you, but they are there if you need to talk. Many RAs have buckets with condoms and candy in their rooms. You can go in whenever the door is open with no one is the wiser about which you were after. My RA held a “sex and s’mores” mixer with a guy’s hall last year. Everyone slipped in their questions anonymously, and we took turns answering the questions. We all had a good laugh about going “balls deep,” ate some good food and



secretly scoped out potential guys from across the room. I think the event was a smashing success. Ask your RA, and maybe you’ll experience this great mixer during the week.

Speaking of mixers, don’t just spend the time hanging with your hall during the mixers. Use that time wisely to meet new friends or future hook-ups. I met a girl from Monroe Hall at one of the first mixers, and every time we see each other around campus we have a little mixer moment. As for hookups, it is up to you whether or not you scope out the guys or girls in your building. Some people call this inter-hall hook-up “dorm-cest,” but if you can handle seeing your old flame every day in the lounge, go for it. I’d just clear it with your new roommate before you set the bed to shakin’.

The Student Health Center is an excellent way to get prescriptions easily when you’re sick, but they also provide free and anonymous HIV testing. All you need to do is call the appointment hotline (x2998), say you want a Williamsburg AIDS Network screening and give a first name (whether real or fake is up to you). The health center’s website has dates and times when testing is available, and the staff provides a variety of other sexual health services. Need a prescription for birth control pills? Time to get that Pap smear? How about some free condoms? Want to know if that rash is herpes or just odd poison ivy? They can tell you. The health center’s website (www.wm.edu/health) contains a wealth of knowledge about STIs, as well as a list of the dozens of services they provide.

To quote the show “G.I. Joe,” “Now you know, and knowing is half the battle.” The other half is putting this information into practice. It’s not good enough that you know where you can get condoms or the dates of the health center’s screenings for STIs. Take advantage of everything the College has to offer you; these will be the best years of your life. Try to endure the summer camp that is Freshmen Orientation, because the real fun is just around the corner. Welcome home, Class of 2011.

Emily Powell is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She enjoys going balls deep ... in her column.

Journey of a budding writer

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a law that prevents the use of vinyl siding on local homes. When the editorial staff cuts this vinyl siding piece, which was a very riveting example of investigative journalism, you will be okay with their decision. You no longer care whether people read something you write. You write for the distinct satisfaction you get from making clear and concise statements.

You will read somewhere that a good journalist questions everything. As a result, you question your motivations to become a writer. You will reread short stories from your freshman year and cringe at the person you once were and decide that writing is not for you. Instead, consider other future careers

like lawyer, teacher and hot dog vendor. All this time you will continue writing for pleasure. Aside from the article about the vinyl siding, you will write in your free time. You will begin writing letters and long essays about personal experiences. On a whim, apply to be a columnist for the newspaper. You will almost literally fall out of your chair when you find out you get the position. Surprise will give way to terror, and you will wonder what you have to say. When, in the fall of your junior year, the time comes to write your first column, stare at your computer screen. You have read somewhere that the hardest part of writing is beginning. Take a deep breath and begin.

James Damon is a Confusion Corner columnist. His next endeavor is to write his manifesto.

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Source: krazydad.com



By SAMANTHA FIEN-HELFMAN
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

This week’s That Guy is down to earth, creative, environmentally conscious and loves a heated debate. Zach Pilchen is different: he has eaten termites, lived in a box for a week and saved a girl’s life. There’s no doubt he’ll add a fresh perspective to his latest: Student Assembly president.

Why did you decide to come to William and Mary?

William and Mary was not only the largest school I applied to, it was the only public school and only school in the South. I applied to a bunch of Northern and Midwestern private, progressive liberal arts schools, but when I visited those schools I realized that for all their progressive values and liberalism, for the most part, all the students thought the same. There was no real ideological diversity. For someone like me who loves argument and debate, that was a real turn-off. If your views, ideas or opinions are never challenged, there’s a tendency to grow too comfortable, almost to the point of laziness. Some of my best friends at William and Mary are die-hard conservatives. I may not agree with a single thing they say, but I still respect them and love to engage them in political discourse.

What is your proudest accomplishment during your tenure at the College?

I once rescued a girl from drowning in the Crim Dell in the middle of the night by paddling her to safety in my kayak. It’s a long story, but it involves this girl ... weighted down by wet clothes, frantically struggling to keep her head above water, yelling for help — and me, majestically kayaking over and offering her the tip of my paddle. Anyway, [she] now owes her life to me.

Why did you have a kayak?

Some of the kids were finishing the triathlon and I, having completed the triathlon in full during Freshman Orientation, didn’t really feel like crawling back in the Crim Dell.

Is that the craziest thing you have ever done?

No. I lived in an enclosed, eight-by-eight foot wooden box with two friends from high school for an entire school week, with no access to the outside world. We called it the, “Transcendental Human Endurance Challenge and Unstimulated Brain Experiment”— THECUBE for short. We deprived ourselves of all access to the outside world, had lights on, had our food passed through a death row-style series of sliding doors and went to the bathroom in a five-gallon paint bucket full of kitty litter. Oh, and we broadcast the whole thing over the internet via webcam. Anyway, the project became something of a sensation in our high school. The principal even postponed classes the morning we were to enter THECUBE so that students could attend the ceremony. We started to go completely insane as the project drew to a close and we were starving for any sort of mental stimuli. I still don’t know why we did this.

How did you manage to get out of classes for that whole week?

My high school (Georgetown Day School) let seniors out of school a month early to participate in “Senior Quests” ... essentially an independent

That Guy

Zach Pilchen

project. Some students made movies, some reviewed all the cheeses in the Cheesecake Factory and we built THECUBE.

What made you want to run for SA?

I’m someone who is happiest when I have a wide variety of things to do. Maybe it’s because of my latent ADD, but I love being able to go from planning a voter registration drive, to reviewing college alcohol policies, to engaging in a philosophical argument on gender-blind housing. The Student Assembly is unique on campus as far as the wide variety of issues you get to address, and that’s what originally attracted me to it.

How was it decided that you would run for president and junior Valerie Hopkins for vice president?

As a senator last year for the Class of 2009, I started toying in my head with the idea of running for SA President when The Flat Hat published a Fall Senate Report Card showing, in pretty explicit terms, that I had been busting my butt for the past several months. I didn’t really know who I would run with at that point, or even if I’d run at all, but after having a heated argument with Valerie about college judicial policies — she was on Judicial Council at the time — I realized that our differing viewpoints and passion for debate could make us a really dynamite team. I guess because I had been in SA for a year and knew the ins and outs of the organization already, it was sort of assumed that I would run for president and Val for vice president, but we don’t place much credence in our titles. We ran as a team and we work as a team. We don’t see eye to eye on every issue, which is great because it means we debate each other and try to arrive at solutions that best work for the whole student body.

If you could only successfully execute one reform, which would it be?

This would be earth-shatteringly huge, but if ever the student body was given absolute authority over the contents of the Student Handbook, almost every other on-campus reform would follow. Students would have absolute control over the policies that affect their quality of life. That being said, Val and I have found the administration to be extremely responsive to students needs.

I know you have been highly involved with Student Environmental Action Coalition since your freshman year. What ignited your passion about environmental issues?

Through elementary and middle school, I attended Burgundy Farm Country Day School in Alexandria, Va. The school buildings were sprinkled throughout 25 acres of forest, and you had to walk through the woods to get to classes. Burgundy’s hands-on approach to learning about the environment catalyzed my interest in it.

In junior year of high school [I went] on a 10-day trip through Belize. Those days were, without a doubt, the 10 most influential days of my life — much more significant than the ten days of campaigning Val and I went through last spring. We bushwhacked through rainforest with Ketchi Mayans, ate sticks full of termites, canoed with manatees, hiked through muddy downpours, sang Dispatch songs around the campfire and gained more respect for nature than I ever could have gotten from sitting in a classroom. In case you’re curious, termites taste like airline peanuts.

Horoscopes

Taurus: April 20 - May 20



You will make several promises you can’t keep this week, but will keep the one that you will not keep any promises.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21



With the school year beginning, your laziness in school will start strong; that is, if you actually went to the College instead of just showing up in classes.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22



Get a degree. Your lack of education will hinder your job search, but will certainly help your goals towards a life of sadness and poverty.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22



Constant running around and activity is fun, but will drastically cut down on the time you need to do normal things, shut as showering.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



While you may not be adept at cutting a rug, you make up for it in cutting the cheese, which is way funnier. Make sure its not in front of your new professor.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22



Love is just around the corner, along with some of the worst fortune you will ever see you in your life. Good luck with that.

Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21



Let go of your pretensions, especially toward friends. Don’t worry though, you still don’t have to like that moron, Brian.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21



Shiva, the Lord of Auspiciousness will look happily upon your actions, but will slap you silly with all four hands if you act up this week.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19



While mankind may never know the origin of the universe, you should feel comfortable knowing that it has nothing to do with science or rational thought.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18



You have been putting too much stress on yourself lately. Relax and go with the flow, and try to forget how screwed you will be soon.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20



The stars, contrary to popular belief, never die, but instead will rock your world from now until the end of time. Remember that this week.

Aries: March 21 - April 19

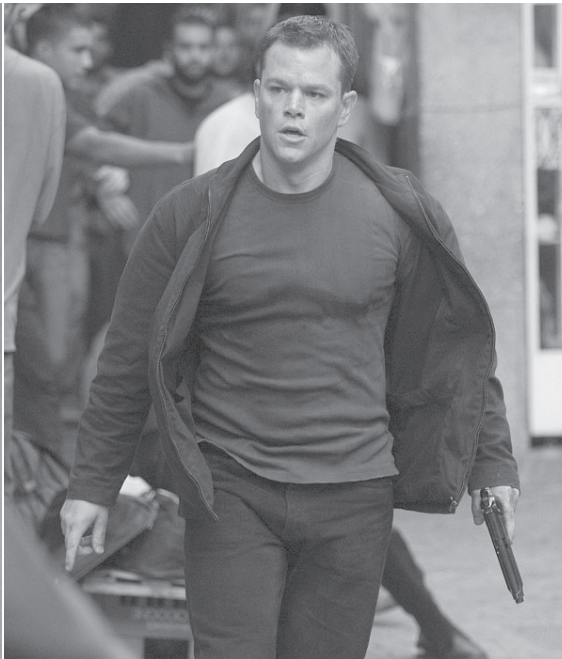


Although you frequently fantasize about copious amounts of honey, you will find that swimming in it is not nearly as satisfying.

A cut above: cream of the summer crop



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A one-night stand goes wrong for Alison (Katherine Heigl) and Ben (Seth Rogen) in “Knocked Up;” Matt Damon reprises his role as amnesic ex-assassin Jason Bourne in “The Bourne Ultimatum;” Evan (Michael Cera) and Seth (Jonah Hill) chase booze and tail in “Superbad.”

‘Bourne’ and ‘Knocked Up’ lead pack

This summer saw the release of dozens of movies. Some, such as “Transformers” and “Superbad,” were worth the price of admission. Others, such as “Spiderman 3” and “Daddy Day Camp,” shouldn’t be watched even if they pay you. In order to help you conserve cash for worthwhile films, here is a list of our picks for the best movies of the summer.

“Knocked Up”

It’s every sexually active person’s nightmare — pregnant after a one-night stand. “Knocked Up,” written and directed by Judd Apatow, who has worked on films like “Anchorman” and “The 40-Year-Old Virgin,” takes this premise in an interesting direction. While celebrating a promotion, Alison (Katherine Heigl, “Grey’s Anatomy”) hooks up with Ben (Seth Rogen, “Freaks and Geeks”) after they meet at a club. Eight weeks later, she discovers she is pregnant, which she is afraid may jeopardize her new career, and which shocks the weed-smoking Ben, whose “job” involves creating a website with his roommates that lists movies in which celebrities get naked. They begin dating, but eventually Alison dumps Ben because of his juvenile attitude toward commitment. Ben has a choice — continue his admittedly low-quality life, or make a few strides toward responsibility. Sadly, this movie was misrepresented as a comedy, when in, fact it, is a drama. It’s also completely inappropriate for children — there are gratuitous shots of a baby crowning, and I’m fairly sure gynecologists prefer the term “rectum” to “asshole.” “Knocked Up,” however, overcomes these faults, and is surprisingly charming. Rogen and Heigl give excellent performances, and Paul Rudd has a great supporting role as Alison’s brother-in-law

who goes to Las Vegas and eats mushrooms with Ben. “Knocked Up” offers great performances, good writing and lots and lots of nudity.

— Alex Guillén

“Live Free or Die Hard”

What made “Live Free or Die Hard” such a hit? In a Hollywood dominated by CGI extravagance, the fourth “Die Hard” film proves fresh and different by mimicking the straightforward action stylings of the series’ earlier installments. With the return of John McClane comes the return of the good old-fashioned American blow-’em-up action flick. Sure, the movie’s sequences are beyond ridiculous (the harrier chase scene was more than a bit over-the-top), but the action seems more believable and a lot more real when compared to utterly implausible computer graphics. Fantastical CGI action scenes just can’t compare to something as simple as a car flying into a helicopter. We’re American. We like to watch things blow up. End of story. On top of the film’s genius in ’80s style explosions, the story was actually very good. The writing was quick and witty — Bruce Willis has a ton of classic one-liners. Plus, McClane has always been a great action hero. Despite all the absurd, superhuman things he does, we actually relate to him and like him for being an everyman. McClane gets beaten up and bloodied, and we love him for it.

— Conor McKay

“Transformers”

“Transformers” is a summer thrill ride featuring an exhilarating showdown between good and evil robots as the future of mankind is on the line. This gripping plot sets the stage for Michel Bay (“Pearl Harbor”) to create an action powerhouse to

remember. A talented cast compliments the most realistic special effects imaginable and provides us with the blockbuster of the summer. Shia LaBeouf (“Disturbia”) shines as the courageous teenager with awkward tendencies around the hottie-next-door. Their relationship allows the film to show heart and humor at all the right times (cue the robot car playing “Sexual Healing” at the pivotal moment). LaBeouf is later aided by soldiers who endure the initial evil Decepticon attack in Qatar. The selfless defense of the human race on the part of the Autobots garners unexpected sympathy. The most remarkable part of this film is how convincingly Bay blends his CGI robots with real-world backgrounds. Any fan of intense action scenes highlighted by a booming soundtrack will look forward to watching this movie in slow motion to view every jaw-dropping detail. Fast-paced fight sequences, exciting car chases and thunderous mid-city showdowns in “Transformers” will leave you begging for a sequel.

— Mary Bonney

“The Bourne Ultimatum”

It isn’t often that a movie makes you think while it keeps you gripping the sides of your seat in white-knuckled suspense. “The Bourne Ultimatum” is one of those rare movies where the all-out adrenaline rush doesn’t negatively impact its intelligence. The movie makes full use of its status as the conclusion of the “Bourne” trilogy to be suspenseful and unpredictable throughout. Matt Damon (“The Departed”) gives his best performance of the series, and the subtle layers of meaning he presents make this a movie that you definitely need to watch more than

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New tunes for rocking

By **CONOR MCKAY AND ALEX GUILLÉN**

Flat Hat Reviews Editor and
Flat Hat Assoc. Reviews Editor

Summer has always been about driving with the top down, the wind in your hair and the speakers blaring. New albums from old stars like Paul McCartney’s “Memory Almost Full” and Wilco’s “Sky Blue Sky” as well as records from relative newcomers like Bishop Allen’s “The Broken String” and Justice’s “Cross” have found their way into iPods and stereos everywhere, leading the wide array of new sounds that premiered this summer. To help you weed out the good from the bad, check out our list of the top five albums since May.

The Polyphonic Spree — “The Fragile Army”

The Polyphonic Spree, the Dallas-based symphonic rock group that first gained notoriety in 2004 when they were featured on “Scrubs” and performed at the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Concert, has released their new album, “The Fragile Army.” Though they band dumped its trademark robes in favor of black army outfits, its members continue to improve on their unique and catchy style. Because there are a dozen musicians and 10 vocalists, every song has a quality of group singing that begs the listener to sing along. The sound is driven by additional percussion, lending the songs more of a rock beat (but don’t worry; other instrumentals are still terrific, and the vocals as powerful as ever). The third track, “Get Up and Go,” is exceptionally motivational, and provides some of the heaviest rock sounds on the album. Other notable tracks include “Guaranteed Nightlife,” “Watch Us Explode

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Trilogies die hard, McClane soldiers on

By **BETH SUTHERLAND**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

This summer has often been dubbed the “summer of sequels.” This alliterative sound byte, though catchy, has proven a charming misnomer. In actuality, we have undergone a summer of inconclusive trilogies and surprising fourths. We have, these past couple of years, had to put up with regurgitated material so poorly digested that we’ve found ourselves stuck in a land of movie déjà vu — feeling that summer entertainment has become largely a sort of recurring dream (or nightmare, in some cases). Not only this, but movie producers and directors seem to bank on the power of the sequel. They know that the name (“Spiderman,” “Pirates,” “Harry”) is in itself potent enough to draw impressive crowds to their films. Because of this undeserved pull, sequels no longer have to be good to make money. In many ways, ours is a generation that can no longer recognize a good movie from a bad one. Our enthusiasm for cinematic cesspools such as “Transformers,” “Spiderman 3,” “Invasion” and even the more understated “Evening” attests to this sad trend. Thus, blatant political agendas (“Invasion”), formulaic and mopey romance (“Evening”), utter mindlessness and lack of cohesion (“Transformers”) and goofy scripts (“Spiderman 3”) are sufficiently masked by sexed-up special effects and big-name actors. Enough sweeping cynicism, though; there are smaller fish to fry.

Pseudo-trilogies have returned. Ever since the unfortunate decision to create an addendum to the impeccable “Omen” movies (or perhaps before), Hollywood

has had increasingly fewer scruples with capitalizing off the success of done deals. “Star Wars” (the old ones), “Lord of the Rings,” “Back to the Future,” “Indiana Jones,” “The Godfather” and even “Pirates” look to become a rare breed as the trilogy becomes increasingly ambiguous. “Rush Hour 3,” “Spiderman 3,” “Shrek the Third” and “Oceans 13” leave room for fourths, fifths and sixths — however painful the idea may be. “Pirates” and “The Bourne Ultimatum” rush heroically forth as the unapologetic closers of their threesomes, tying the plot knots firmly in the good old fashioned denouement style. (Sometimes it’s all right to end with a death, wedding or self-revelation.) Other movies take up the threads at different points in their series. “Fantastic Four” limps onward, picking up the pieces of an embarrassingly awful cinematic debut. The highly anticipated “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix” provides yet another dark installment in its series. Finally, “Live Free or Die Hard” proves another of the rare breed of unexpected fourths and, in my opinion, cuts through the staleness of redundancy with a more immortal brand of charm.

In this summer of sequels, why is “Live Free or Die Hard” such a breath of fresh air? Why did the older, ’80s-based cult of followers (our parents) suddenly find itself in the company of hordes of youthful enthusiasts? Why was it almost as talked about and anticipated in Europe as in the States? Possibly for the same reasons that there will never be enough “Mission: Impossible” movies or “James Bond” flicks. Why do we

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Potter finale thrills, disappoints

By **ALEX GUILLÉN**
Flat Hat Assoc. Reviews Editor

This review of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” will contain spoilers. I’m sorry, but that’s how it must be. And honestly, do you really need to read a review of the final installment of what is arguably one of the most popular book series of all time to decide whether or not to read it?

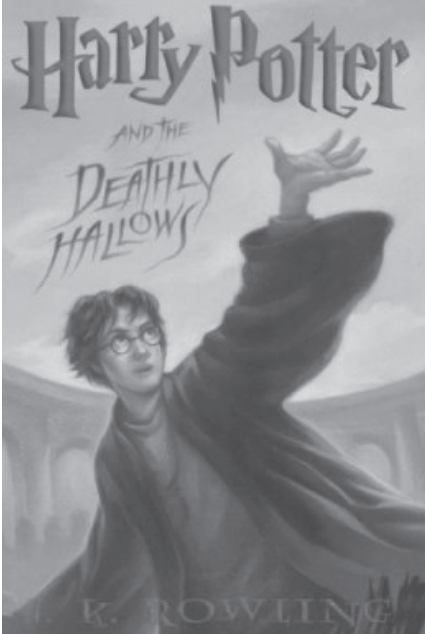
There is a lot to enjoy in the last novel. For starters, the use of magic really received the Emeril treatment; Rowling really BAMMED it up a notch. Every page was ripe with quasi-Latin spells flying to and fro. Frankly, this book will make the best movie. The special effects, I can say now, will be spectacular.

Humor is also a major part of the book; there were many occasions in which something that could only happen in the Harry Potter universe would send me careening into laughter. The first time this happens is when Harry is escaping Privet Drive; he is separated from Hagrid, and casts a spell, “Accio Hagrid!” (It doesn’t work.) It was ironic because, while waiting for the book to come out, some friends and I were discussing if magic had limits. We decided that there are limitations on the Summoning Charm; for instance, “Accio Norway” wouldn’t work. Summoning a whole country would probably have some drastic consequences. I also laughed when Harry, looking for a Horcrux, asks Professor Flitwick about the history of the Ravenclaw house in the middle of a battle: “A little extra wisdom never goes amiss, Potter, but I hardly think it would be much use in this situation!”

Pride is also prevalent throughout the book — there are moments when I wanted to yell out my support before realizing that I was reading a children’s

book alone in my room. One of my favorite moments was when a Death Eater spits on Professor McGonagall and Harry tortures him with the Cruciatus Curse in retaliation.

The other major point of pride is Luna’s painting of Harry, Ron, Hermione, Neville, Ginny and herself, ringed with gold chains formed from the word “friends.” Of course the interesting thing about the painting is that the portraits are inanimate. In the wizarding world where



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it is commonplace for people in pictures to wave and in paintings to travel from one frame to another, Luna’s art creates a paradox that makes the normal abnormal, and therefore particularly moving and especially poignant.

It was inevitable that good people would have to die in the pursuit to destroy evil. Sadly, we never find out who most of those people are. Of the more than fifty mentioned deaths, we know of only Fred Weasley, Lupin, Tonks and Colin Creevey. One of the saddest lines comes

after Harry sees Colin has died: “He was tiny in death.” This paltry list of the dead leaves one wondering who else died for Harry. Probably no other major characters, as they would have been mentioned. But what about the volumes of characters mentioned once or twice? Did Romilda Vane or Hannah Abbott kick the bucket? Was Professor Sinistra there to fight? And what happened to Neville’s grandmother?

This dissatisfaction extends to the epilogue. We learn very little about the characters, and only a few characters at that. What do Harry, Ron and Hermione do nowadays? Where is Luna? Why on earth would Malfoy propagate the inherent evil in his family by not naming his son something nice like Bob or John, but instead Scorpius?

The weightiest problem is that, in what is certainly the greatest epic story of the last several decades, a crucial element that makes a story successful is missing. A story is about a changing character, one who suffers a moral struggle but ultimately ends up making the right choice.

For Harry there is no struggle. From the moment he told the Sorting Hat he didn’t want to be in Slytherin until a flash of green light dropped Voldemort like so many Wingardium Leviosa spells gone bad, there was no doubt that Harry would fulfill his destiny and destroy the personification of evil.

In fact, it’s difficult to identify with Harry for this very reason; moral struggles make good stories because we ourselves go through moral struggles all the time. It’s also the reason it was shocking that Harry was an accidental horcrux. He literally had a lamprey of evil stuck to his soul — and he was still straight as an arrow?

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Coming Attractions

— compiled by
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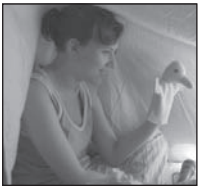
VHS or Beta — “Bring on the Comets” (Asralwerks)
Anyone who sees the cover of VHS or Beta’s third album, “Bring on the Comets,” is reminded of scrambled porn on TV. This nostalgia reflects how the group has grown; its style has shifted from slinky beats to morose melodies. Although it still contains some great club jams, “Comets” is a slower sound. **Aug. 27**



Super Furry Animals — “Hey Venus!” (Rough Trade Records)
“Hey Venus!” is the eighth album from the Welsh band Super Furry Animals. Though lead singer Gruff Rhys described it as “a speaker-blowing LP,” the album is a return to the poppier sounds of the band’s earlier work. This is the band’s shortest studio album to date, clocking in at slightly more than 36 minutes. **Aug. 28**



“Resurrecting the Champ” (Yari Film Group)
“Resurrecting the Champ” tells the story of a rising sports writer who stumbles upon a homeless former boxing champ. Poor fact checking, however, shadows the article of the writer’s career and sparks controversy. ‘Resurrecting’ provides a gripping narrative, superb dialogue and excellent acting. **Aug. 24**



“The Nanny Diaries” (The Weinstein Company)
Although its similarity to “The Devil Wears Prada” may have been a danger to its quality, “The Nanny Diaries” focuses on a student who works as a nanny for a rich couple’s bratty son. The strong cast brings the film into its own. Scarlett Johansson shines in her role, as do Laura Linney and Paul Giamatti. **Aug. 24**



“Balls of Fury” (Rogue Pictures)
The underground world of extreme ping-pong is the subject of this “Dodgeball” send-up. Dan Fogler stars as a former pro ping-pong player who goes undercover for the FBI to observe the organizer, portrayed by Christopher Walken. Fortunately, the exceptional cast overcomes the familiar plot. **Aug. 29**

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Like Caddyshack, but drunk

Bill Murray, an SNL alum, was pulled over by Swedish police after they noticed him driving a golf cart erratically through downtown Stockholm. Murray reportedly took the golf cart from its display in front of his hotel, and was on his way back from a nightclub about a mile away. Officers noticed he smelled of alcohol, and he refused a breath test, though he submitted to a blood test. Murray may face fines or jail time.



James Brown, sex machine

DNA testing has revealed that James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, sired yet another child. The woman, now grown, has chosen to remain anonymous, as did another of her half-sisters upon her discovery. One woman has come forward, a teacher living in Houston. Some dozen others are claiming to be his descendants, which testing has yet to confirm — not to mention the six children he did acknowledge.



The saga continues ...

It’s his party, and he’ll set off fireworks if he wants to. The East Hampton Town Council has denied Diddy’s request to launch all-white fireworks at his Labor Day White Party. Though they have permitted him to hold the party, they claimed the fireworks were a safety concern. Still, the council did approve fireworks for another party the same night. Diddy had already made a deal with a fireworks company that would cost more than \$100,000.



Her plan: jail, baby, marry

Wealthy heiress Nicole Richie has decided to wait until after she gives birth to marry Joel Madden, her baby daddy. A friend claimed it was because she didn’t want to be on a deadline, nor did she wish for the child to think they married because of it. However, before either of the big days, Richie must serve a four-day jail sentence for a wrong-way DUI. Oh, what a simple life.



— compiled by Alex Guillén

Flicks that fly

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once. The supporting cast also makes this film shine, their complex web of motivations bringing everyone to life. The fights and action sequences are dazzling. Director Paul Greengrass (“United 93”) continues to use hand-held cameras to great effect, and while the shaky view may dizzy some, few can dispute the intense realism that they bring to the insane stunts, brawls and car crashes throughout. One of the few examples of a movie that actually delivers on all of its promises (and then some), “The Bourne Ultimatum” is a fitting climax for one of the best trilogies of recent years, and one of the best movies of the summer.

— Ted Hogeman

“Superbad”

The jokes are lewd, crude, rude and entirely socially unacceptable — but it works. “Superbad,” the sex-charged high school bromance from the guys who produced “Knocked Up” and “The 40-Year-Old Virgin,” may be driven by four-letter words, bed and bathroom humor and an inordinate number of hand-drawn penises, but the foul-mouthed nature of the film serves to make it feel more organic and true. Best friends Seth and Evan, played by Jonah Hill (“Knocked Up”) and Michael Cera (“Arrested Development”), respectively, find themselves in the final two weeks of senior year, wrestling equally with virginity and the prospect of separating for college at the end of the summer. The characters are very relatable — the emotions are honest, the actions and reactions of the pair are entirely believable and the movie’s awkward situations (sexual and otherwise) perfectly mirror those in real life. Writers Seth Rogen (“Knocked Up”) and Evan Goldberg (producer, “Knocked Up”) based the characters on themselves. Maybe that’s why the film feels so natural — or maybe it’s because the two are geniuses when comes to writing conversation. The break-neck speed at which Seth and Evan spit offensive bullshit keeps up the non-stop laughter, making “Superbad” the funniest movie of summer.

— Conor McKay

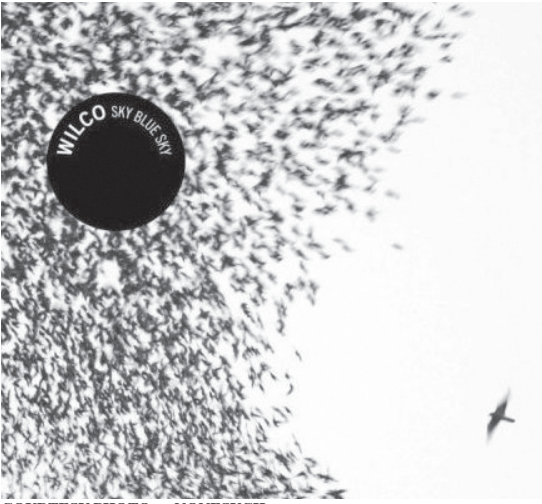
Great summer records to keep your ears ringing

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(Justify)” and “The Championship.”

Editors — “An End Has a Start”

Editors, an English band led by Tom Smith, has released it’s second studio album, titled “An End Has a Start.” Editors is reminiscent of Interpol, Franz Ferdinand and U2, but is much more than a mere tribute band. The album itself is a sort of tour through the history of rock, especially as songs of all tempos are included, often butting right up against each other. As an interesting side effect, their own youthful optimism provides an odd but charming contrast in songs that otherwise have dark overtones. The first track, “Smokers Outside the Hospital Doors,” is a great song for the dance floor, and is worth listening to every second of its five minutes. “Bones,” as well as a handful of other songs, can point their origins to tracks from the previous Editors album, “The Back Room.” “Bones” points to “Munich,” one of the best tracks on the previous album, and has a great opening riff followed by an awesome tune with commanding lyrics. Although “An End Has a Start” doesn’t quite live up to “The Back Room,” it’s still an excellent follow-up with some real treats.



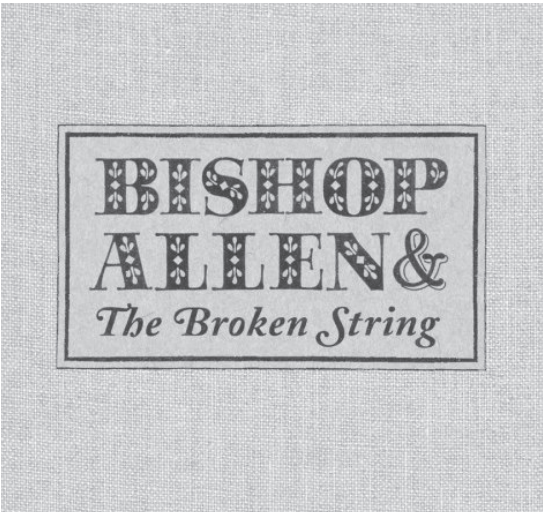
COURTESY PHOTO — NONESUCH

Wilco — “Sky Blue Sky”

Yes, Wilco, the all-American alt-country band, has sold a few songs off its new LP, “Sky Blue Sky,” to Volkswagen for the car company’s new ad campaign. Big deal. This summer, the band took a lot of heat from fans and the press for “selling out,” but frankly, what’s so bad about a band opening up a little to get more universal exposure? It certainly didn’t affect the quality of the group’s music. “Sky Blue Sky” is a great album, and continues in the band’s trend of tweaking and manipulating its sound from record to record to keep things fresh, interesting and unique, especially within the band’s own catalog. Between the booze-laden “A.M.,” the country twang of “Being There,” the happy-go-lucky pop songs of “Summerteeth,” the trippy, Radiohead-ish “Yankee Hotel Foxtrot” and the eerie “A Ghost is Born,” Wilco has spread its influences and styles over a well-traveled career. With “Sky Blue Sky,” a post-rehab Jeff Tweedy seems content with the world, and the rocking chair vibes of the album make it perfect or driving on a sunny Sunday afternoon. This may not be the band’s best record, but it certainly holds up next to its predecessors.

Spoon — “Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga”

Spoon’s 2007 album “Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga,” despite its baby-talk title, is anything but infantile. From start to finish, the latest record from the Austin, Tex., group proves to be the band’s most cohesive to date. The band’s trademark sound succeeds in its ability to simultaneously be poppy and experimental. “Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga” has a perfect mix of radio-ready sing-alongs and trippy, kaleidoscopic tracks that, when listened to side by side, play off each other. The strange, off-beat tracks end up sounding like misunderstood pop songs and the fun tracks, by comparison, seem gain a level of irony in their niceity. Track two, “The Ghost of You Lingers,” features whirling atonal piano chords and spacey vocals and lyrics. Track three, “You Got Yr. Cherry Bomb,” is the most dance-ready rocker on the album. The two songs are entirely different in both style and substance, yet the jerky pull from one



COURTESY PHOTO — DEAD OCEANS

direction to the next gives both songs more meaning. Every track wanes both beautiful and ugly, making the album as a whole a wonderful listen. This is definitely Spoon’s best album, which is saying a lot after the vast successes of “Gimme Fiction,” “Kill the Moonlight” and “Girls Can Tell.”

Bishop Allen — “The Broken String”

Bishop Allen spent 2006 writing, recording and releasing an EP every month. 12 discs and 58 songs later, the group had built up plenty of material with which to throw an album together, and the result was “The Broken String.” Sure, for those of us who heard all the EPs as they came out, parts of the album weren’t as exciting and new as they could have been, but as a best-of collection for those who have never heard of the band, “The Broken String” succeeds triumphantly. The band’s happy, fun and unassuming pop songs are breezy and light, proving to be perfect for hot summer days of ceiling fans and iced tea. “Butterfly Nets” may be the sweetest of them all, as a woman’s voice floats over softly strummed acoustic chords, singing “Armed with this small butterfly net only / I will face the world alone and never be lonely.” The childlike nature of the lyrics and sentimentalities bring us back to the easy bliss of youth.

‘Die Hard’ succeeds where others miss mark

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want these action series to go on and on and on, episodic as they are? James Bond, Ethan Hawke and John McClane offer us real, manly heroes. Not the popular anti-heroes of the day, but shining white knights, with swords, sass and sex appeal. We aren’t ready to shuck off the good guy glamour of films that succeed in delighting us every time. Heroes swagger; villains lose; things explode. We love it. The Die

Hard tetralogy (though hopefully it won’t stop there) provides the quintessential example of the action flick. Unabashed, unpretentious and anything but understated — they are comfortingly consistent. The “yippee ki yay” charm of all-American hero McClane hits home even in a time when patriotism, unfortunately, isn’t the most popular of persuasions. Whether he’s fighting German thieves posing as terrorists (led by Alan Rickman in “Die Hard”), rogue soldiers and South American

thugs in “Die Harder,” the German relations of the first movie’s villains (Jeremy Irons, to be precise) in “Die Hard with a Vengeance” or even slightly wimpy techno-villains who fight with the ‘click, click’ of a mouse (in the latest installment), Willis shines as the cop character he always seems to play. There are many reasons for the appeal of McClane. We love his complete bravado in the face of ridiculous odds; he is a one-man army and says obnoxious things that should get him killed. He (quite literally) laughs at do-badders all the time — because he actually finds them amusing. He sees villains for what they are: clowns. Their warped view of the world inspires no patience, only exasperation. They’re not scary, because McClane will absolutely always win. He will die hard, or not at all. If this was his only attribute, he’d be no better than hordes of heroes who are consumed by their own love of heroism. To temper his simmeringly cool impertinence, McClane is also a reluctant hero. That is, after all, the truest kind. He does not seek glory and so is covered with it. We relate to him because he’s just a tired cop who

wants to go home for the evening — perhaps have a few beers and just watch television for a couple of hours. He would rather not have to save the world time and time again, but, since no one else possesses enough initiative or savvy — and because fate is a laughing trickster — his number comes up again and again.

The “Die Hard” series has its flaws. It may have reached its pinnacle with the first two films. It may have been surprising and inconsistent to write his wife out of the picture via divorce. Maybe after “Die Hard 8: Die Hardest of Them All,” “yippee ki yay” will start to get a little old. Maybe not. Perhaps Willis has landed the role of a lifetime; he is Joseph Campbell’s “hero with a thousand faces.” Though the world may change around him, as long as McClane remains “an analogue clock in a digital world” — the unchanging cowboy, who hearkens back to Hawkeye, Jim Lassiter and John Wayne — summer will always call for a movie with him in it. And in summer of sequels after summer of sequels, he will continually be smiled upon.

Potter closer proves mixed bag

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It is equally disturbing to learn of Dumbledore’s troubled past, even after getting the real story from Aberforth. We all envision our heroes and role models as perfect (or as close as one can come), and when we learn that the man who was responsible for leading the fight against evil, the greatest living wizard, had a rather sordid past, it sullies his image in the Pensieve of the reader’s mind.

Instead, Snape offers what is one of the most complex characters in literature, at least in contemporary fiction. The complete trust held in Snape by both Voldemort and Dumbledore provided no means of distinction, and, even though he killed Dumbledore, it was unclear whether it was merely Voldemort’s order or if it played into a complex and long-term plan of Dumbledore’s. In a society in which moral relativism is becoming more and more important, Snape is truly the genuine hero of the series.

I was struck at a release party I attended for the seventh book by some of the young children, dressed up in robes, waving wands, downing Bertie Bott’s Every Flavor Beans; at 10 years, the Harry Potter series was older than many of its most intense fans. I felt sad for those too young to read, and for future generations; they may never know the immense anxiety associated with waiting for the next book that so many have known. After all, without Harry Potter, we’d all still be ignorant Muggles.



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Bruce Willis (RIGHT) stars as detective John McClane in 2007’s “Live Free or Die Hard,” the fourth film in the ‘Die Hard’ series.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Acharya wins ITA National Summer Championships

After completing a successful freshman year in May, Tribe sophomore Ragini Acharya picked up where she left off and captured the ITA National Summer Championships Aug. 14 in Bloomington, Ind. In the championship match, Acharya defeated ninth-seed Brook Buck of Notre Dame 6-3, 2-6, 10-8 — Acharya's only three-set match of the tournament. Seeded eighth, Acharya knocked off three higher seeds — the first, fourth and fifth to be exact — en route to the title. The championship victory earned Acharya a wild card entry into the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships in October.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Shaver brings in recruit McCurdy from Arkansas

Sean McCurdy, who spent the past two seasons with the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, has been added to the Tribe basketball program as a transfer. The 6'1", 186-pound point guard will have to sit out the upcoming season, in accordance with NCAA regulations for transfers, but will have two years of eligibility left when he joins the Tribe in 2008-2009. McCurdy averaged 1.7 points, 1.3 assists and 1.0 rebounds per game during his two-year stint with the Razorbacks.

GOLF

Tribe ranked in top 25 of Golf Digest's rankings

In its 2007-08 Guide to Colleges, Golf Digest ranks Tribe men's golf 25th overall out of 792 programs and women's golf 23rd out of 510. The guide's aim is to help prospective college golfers choose the right school for them, and factored in both academics and golf into its rankings, in addition to team performance and weather.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

5/13 vs. Longwood — W, 6-4
5/17 vs. ODU — W, 11-4
5/18 vs. ODU — L, 9-1
5/19 vs. ODU — W, 11-8

MEN'S TENNIS

5/11 vs. N.C. State — First Round
NCAA Tournament — L, 4-0

MEN'S TRACK

5/13 — IC4A Outdoor Championships — 8th out of 44

WOMEN'S TENNIS

5/11 vs. Richmond — First Round
NCAA Tournament — W, 4-0
5/12 vs. no. 19 Wake Forest — Second Round
NCAA Tournament — W, 4-1
5/18 vs. no. 2 Georgia — Round of 16
NCAA Tournament — L, 4-1

WOMEN'S TRACK

5/13 — ECAC Outdoor Championships — T-14th out of 49

SCHEDULE

Fri., August 24

VOLLEYBALL

vs. Virginia Tech 10 a.m. *
vs. Florida A&M 4:30 p.m. *
* Virginia Tech tournament game in Blacksburg, Va.

Sat., August 25

FIELD HOCKEY

vs. LOCK HAVEN — 11 a.m.

Sun., August 26

FIELD HOCKEY

vs. FAIRFIELD — 11 a.m.

Thurs., August 30

FOOTBALL

vs. DELAWARE — 7:30 p.m.

Fri., August 31

WOMEN'S SOCCER

@ UNC Greensboro — 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

vs. East Carolina 7:30 p.m. **
** Tribe Classic, held at Kaplan Arena

FOOTBALL

Rejuvenated Tribe opens season

Team hosts rival Delaware in first-ever CAA game Thursday night

By MILES HILDER

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

After spring in the weight room and summer on the practice field, a new season will officially kick off for the Tribe Thursday, when the team will battle the University of Delaware under the lights at Zable Stadium, a game that will mark the inaugural contest of the newly formed Colonial Athletic Association football conference. The Blue Hens, who defeated the College 28-14 last year, enter the season ranked 21st in the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly Division I-AA, pre-season Top 25 poll.

Following a disappointing 3-8 season last year, the Tribe entered the off-season determined to

rebound in 2007. Their first chance to do so will come against a strong Delaware team that features pre-season All-American running back Omar Cuff.

"The defense is watching film on him, picking up on his tendencies," sophomore defensive end Adrian Tracy said. "We watch film to know what he does with the ball, in open field, and where he is in closed quarters ... We need to pick up on little things in order to get that upper hand."

The Tribe's defense, which struggled at times last season, has been reinvigorated over the off-season by a strong workout regimen, the return of key players, and the addition of new defensive coordinator Bob Shoop.

"Coach Shoop and the defensive staff have told us that preparation

is the key to success," Tracy said. "When you prepare well, you use that confidence to your advantage and as a source of intimidation towards the other team. We definitely are focused and are headed in the right direction ... We are going to be a good defense this year and for years to come."

Thursday night will mark the return of the College's defensive standout in 2005, junior linebacker Josh Rutter, who had his sophomore season cut short by a knee injury in the Tribe's third game last year. Rutter's return as the anchor of the defense will be vital to the College's success.

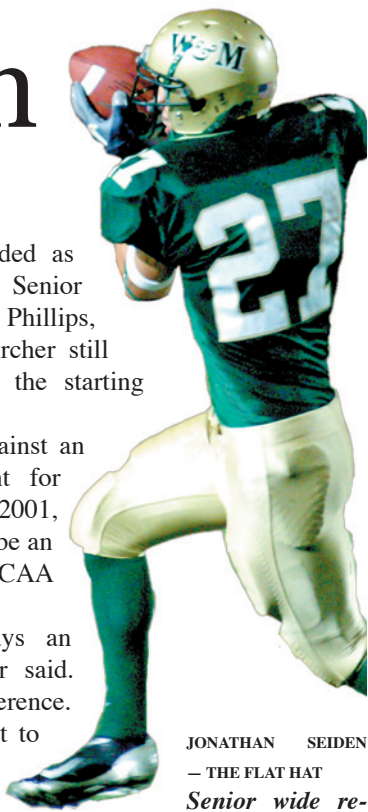
"I'm just excited each time I get to step back on the field," Rutter said. "We have a good group of guys who work real hard, and I just want to make sure I can help out."

The anchor of the College's

offense is still undecided as the opener approaches. Senior Mike Potts, junior Jake Phillips, and sophomore R.J. Archer still continue to battle for the starting quarterback position.

The Tribe opens against an in-conference opponent for the first time since 2001, starting what is sure to be an entertaining season of CAA football.

"Delaware is always an exciting game," Rutter said. "The CAA is a wild conference. Every game you've got to bring your 'A' game because any day the teams in this league are good enough to beat you. It's going to be an interesting season and I'm looking forward to it."



JONATHAN SEIDEN
— THE FLAT HAT
Senior wide receiver Joe Nicholas and the Tribe take on CAA foes Delaware.

SPORTS FEATURE

Since you've been gone



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

Katarina Zoricic and Megan Moulton-Levy saw their impressive season end in defeat in the NCAA doubles title match.

A recap of the summer story lines surrounding Tribe sports

By JEFF DOOLEY

Flat Hat Sports Editor

While the school year ended in early May for students of the College, many athletes continued competing well into the summer. Here are just a few of the many sports highlights that happened while you were away.

Moulton-Levy and Zoricic lose in doubles championship match of NCAA Tournament

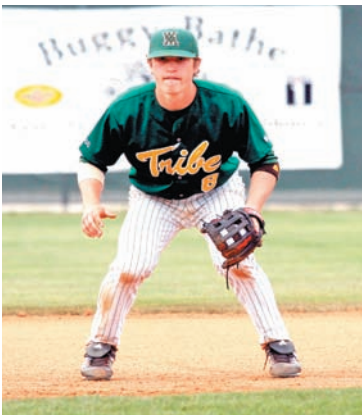
The doubles team of senior Megan Moulton-Levy and sophomore Katarina Zoricic, ranked no. 1 in the nation for much of the year, were defeated 1-6, 6-2, 6-2 by Sara Anundsen and Jenna Long of the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill in the championship match of the NCAA Tournament, held May 28 at the Dan Magill Tennis Center in Athens, Ga.

The Tribe duo jumped out strong early, winning the first set 6-1. Their UNC opponents bested them in the final two sets, however, taking the doubles championship crown.

Moulton-Levy and Zoricic won the ITA National Indoor Championships last November. Prior to that, they lost in the semifinals of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships. They were the only team to have made it to at least the semifinals in all three national championship tournaments for the season. They finished with an overall record of 44-4. In late May, Moulton-Levy was honored with her second consecutive ITA/Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship.

The Tribe women's tennis team finished the season ranked no. 15 in the country, after their season ended in a loss to no. 2-ranked University of Georgia in the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

Sexton chosen in 10th round of Major League Baseball draft by Tampa Bay Devil Rays



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Tribe third baseman Greg Sexton was selected with the 305th pick.

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays selected senior third baseman Greg Sexton with the first pick (305th overall) of the 10th round of the Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft June 8.

Sexton enjoyed a stellar senior season during which he finished second in the nation in batting average with .455. He now holds several career

records for the Tribe, including batting average (.380), hits (313), doubles (71) and games played (217). He was named to five different All-American teams, and was one of 20 quarterfinalists for the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award. Tribe baseball finished with an overall record of 29-25.

Bechtol finishes 14th in 10,000-m at NCAA Championships; Meekins 16th in heptathlon

At the 10,000-m run at the NCAA Championships, held June 7 in Sacramento, Calif., senior Keith Bechtol finished 14th overall with a time of 29:20.05. Bechtol missed out on All-American honors by one second, as the top eight American-born runners are awarded with All-American status, and Bechtol finished ninth among American-born competitors.

For his season-long excellence, Bechtol received a slew of postseason awards. He was named CAA Scholar Athlete of the Year (his fifth time receiving the award), a First Team Academic All-American and CAA Male Track Athlete of the Year.

Senior Bonnie Meekins finished in 16th-place in the heptathlon, compiling 5,444 points in the event. This came less than a month after she claimed the heptathlon title at the ECAC Outdoor Championships.

Cojanu and O'Brien fall in round of 16 at NCAA Doubles Championships

Junior Alex Cojanu and senior Colin O'Brien dropped a straight sets match 6-4, 6-4, to Marco Born and Andreas Siljestrom of Middle Tennessee State University May 25 in the round of 16 of the NCAA Doubles Championship.

The match was all tied at 4-4 in the first set before Born and Siljestrom were able to take the final two games of the set. The second set was knotted at 3-3 before, once again, the duo from Middle Tennessee State took over to claim the match.

Cojanu and O'Brien finished with a doubles record of 20-8 for the year. The Tribe men's tennis team fell 4-0 to no. 27 North Carolina State University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Their final record was 16-12.

Forward Smith sees time for Panamanian National Team at Pan-Am Games

Junior power forward Alex Smith saw action in four of the Panamanian National Team's five contests at the Pan-American Games, averaging 4.3 points, 1.2 rebounds and eight minutes per game. Panama finished in sixth place, falling to the United States in the fifth-place game, 77-74. Panama had beaten the U.S. earlier in the tournament, marking Panama's first win over the Americans at the Pan-Am Games.

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

Welcome to the wide world of Tribe sports

Brad Clark

FLAT HAT SPORTS COLUMNIST



It's that time of the year again — mosquitoes outnumber people, even reading leaves you drenched with sweat, and the keys on my laptop are melting as I type this. I'm not talking about the lingering heat from this spring's hot and steamy royal visit (eat your heart out Radford — Girls Gone Wild has nothing on Royalty Run Amuck). No, that moist sensation you feel creeping into the deepest cockles of your being is Mother Nature's way of reminding you that school is back in session ... and that she hates you. It is for this reason that I suggest you fashion yourself some sort of air conditioned, mosquito-netted cocoon, and stay there for several months. Or at least until the temperature drops below the melting point for Teflon.

In case that seems a little drastic (or, if you're one of the poor souls that have been sentenced to a year in the desolate wasteland known as Botetourt, where air conditioning isn't a possibility) you can take solace in the fact that there is a fall sports season, kicking off — literally — August 30 when the Tribe football team faces Delaware at home, in the inaugural CAA football game. This highly anticipated opening match, featuring teams with a combined eight wins all of last year, will surely be picked up by all the networks, so make sure that when the day comes around you have your TV tuned to ESPN the Ocho, home of Division I-AA football. But really, the football website has promised me a great season this year, enabled by the brand new football center, and I'm inclined to believe it.

And just in case the football season isn't reason enough to emerge from your temperature-controlled sanctuary, there's always that other wildly popular fall spectator sport — cross country. Coming off a season that culminated with an eighth-place national ranking, including an All-American finish for then-junior Christo Landry, the recently plucked squad of Tribe harriers will likely be vying for more hardware as the year progresses.

Let's say that watching a five mile race in the woods isn't your cup of tea. Then what? Look no further than the women's field hockey team, which has been able to maintain a presence on the national scene for the last several years. Hovering just on the cusp of a national ranking — despite receiving many votes, the final count wasn't enough to push the team into the top 20 — the players will surely be hungry to climb their way up the ranks. Not that it will be easy; the team faces six of the top 11 teams in the country, including no. 3 University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, no. 6 Old Dominion, no. 8 University of Virginia, and no. 11 James Madison University.

And if that's not enough, there's still soccer (perhaps the most fun of them all), golf and volleyball. And I hear that volleyball may even be air-conditioned. So come on — freshen up that face paint, break out the old beer hat and show our athletes some love. You'll see me there — or at least in a few months. I'm thinking my cocoon's got at least another eight weeks in it.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

2006 HIGHLIGHTS: 8TH AT NAAs; CAA CHAMPIONS
HEAD COACH: ALEX GIBBY (4-TIME CAA COACH OF YEAR)
ALL HOME MEETS HELD AT EASTERN STATE COURSE

SCHEDULE

9/8
 Lou Onesty Invitational at
 Charlottesville
 9/29
 SECOND ANNUAL COLO-
 NIAL INTER-REGIONAL
 CHALLENGE
 10/13
 TRIBE OPEN
 10/13
 Pre-National Invitational at
 Terre Haute, Ind.
 10/26
 CAA Championships at Farm-
 ingdale, N.Y.
 11/03
 Cavalier Open at Charlot-
 tesville
 11/10
 Southeast Region Champion-
 ships at Louisville, Ky.
 11/17
 IC4A Championships at
 Bronx, N.Y.
 11/19
 NCAA Championships at
 Terre Haute, Ind.

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A MODEL IN CONSISTENCY

After an eighth-place finish at the 2006 NCAA Championships with a strong group of returning seniors, the Tribe has its sights set on an 11th-straight trip to the national meet. Leading the way for the College this season will be senior Christo Landry (*right*), a two-time All-American in cross country. Landry, who finished 34th at the 2006 NCAA meet, is the Tribe's most accomplished distance runner, sporting current team bests of 8 minutes and 6.71 seconds for 3,000 meters and 13:53.62 over 5,000m. Fellow senior Ian Fitzgerald has similar personal bests of 8:15.22 and 13:57.35, respectively. Fitzgerald has the potential to join Landry as an All-American this fall. Seniors Dave Mock and Adam Tenerowicz provide the College with further experience and talent. Mock ran 29:37.01 for 10,000m on the track as a sophomore, and Tenerowicz, who will compete in his first cross country race since the 2005 season, is a former all-region award winner in addition to a two-time NCAA Championships participant. A contingent of underclassmen – redshirt-sophomore Colin Leak and redshirt-freshmen Patterson Wilhelm and Jeff Perrella – in addition to senior Rob Dennis and redshirt-junior James Picard, will race for the remaining spots in the Tribe's top-seven. The College's season opens in earnest with the Second Annual Colonial Inter-Regional Challenge at its home course at Eastern State Hospital Saturday, Sept. 29.



BY THE NUMBERS

8th

The Tribe's finish at the 2006 NAAs, second-best in program history

1996

The only year since 1994 that the Tribe has missed the national title meet

7

Consecutive CAA titles for the Tribe

5

Runners with NCAA Championship experience

RUNNER TO WATCH

Christo Landry, Senior

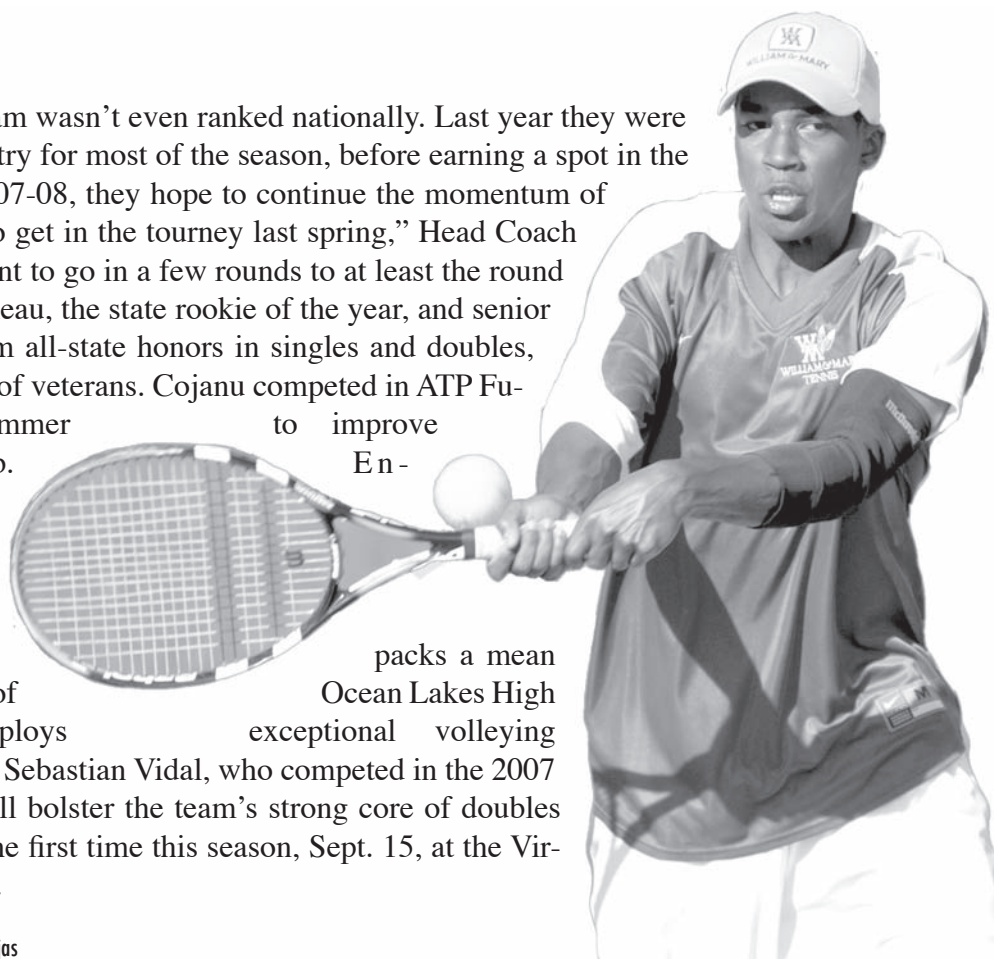
One of five seniors on the roster, Landry enters his final cross country season as the team's leader and strongest runner. After earning his second All-American award in 2006, Landry is poised to become only the second runner in school history to earn All-American status three times in cross country. His front-running ability will be crucial to the Tribe's success at its late season races.

MEN'S TENNIS

2006 OVERALL RECORD: 16-12 2006 CAA RECORD: 3-1
HEAD COACH: PETER DAUB (ENTERING HIS 14TH SEASON)
HOME MATCHES PLAYED AT MNTC AND BUSCH COURTS

BUILDING ON MOMENTUM

Two years ago, the men's tennis team wasn't even ranked nationally. Last year they were one of the top 40 teams in the country for most of the season, before earning a spot in the NCAA tournament in May. For 2007-08, they hope to continue the momentum of the last two years. "We felt good to get in the tourney last spring," Head Coach Peter Daub said. "This year, we want to go in a few rounds to at least the round of 16." With sophomore Keziel Juneau, the state rookie of the year, and senior Alex Cojanu, who earned first team all-state honors in singles and doubles, the Tribe will rely on a solid group of veterans. Cojanu competed in ATP Futures events in Romania over the summer to improve his game, a move that pleased Daub. Entering the mix are freshmen Ben Gullickson, who Daub says will help the team in doubles, Varun Pundit, an aggressive player out of Texas, Kunal Pawa, who serve, and Ben Wirth, a product of School in Virginia Beach, who employs exceptional volleying skills. Daub also believes freshman Sebastian Vidal, who competed in the 2007 Pan-Am Games for Guatemala, will bolster the team's strong core of doubles players. The team is in action for the first time this season, Sept. 15, at the Virginia Invitational in Charlottesville.



BY THE NUMBERS

31

Highest national ranking in school history, attained last spring

45

The Tribe's end of season national ranking after falling in NCAA tournament

10

Number of NCAA tournament appearances in school history

PLAYER TO WATCH

Sebastian Vidal, Freshman

This youngster out of Guatemala has the highest international ranking of the incoming freshmen and the ability to quickly climb the Tribe's singles and doubles ladders. Over the summer, Vidal beat Tribe teammate junior Dominic Pagon (*left*), 6-4, 6-3, in an opening round singles match-up at the Pan-Am games, before losing in the round of 32.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

SCHEDULE

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NIAL INTER-REGIONAL
CHALLENGE
10/13
TRIBE OPEN
10/13
Pre-National Invitational at
Terre Haute, Ind.
10/26
CAA Championships at Farm-
ingdale, N.Y.
11/03
Cavalier Open at Charlot-
tesville
11/10
Southeast Region Champion-
ships at Louisville, Ky.
11/17
IC4A Championships at
Bronx, N.Y.
11/19
NCAA Championships at
Terre Haute, Ind.

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sen photo courtesy W&M Sports Info

2006 HIGHLIGHTS: 2ND AT ECACs, CAA CHAMPIONS
HEAD COACH: KATHY NEWBERRY
ALL HOME MEETS HELD AT EASTERN STATE COURSE

'A DEEP TEAM WITH TONS OF POTENTIAL'

After completing a four-peat at last year's CAA Championships, the College will take aim at its fifth straight title this fall. The Tribe returns with four All-CAA and two All-East runners from 2006. Senior Emily Gousen (*right*) finished ninth at both the CAA Championships and the ECAC Championships last season, and followed up her strong cross country campaign with an impressive outdoor track season. Seniors Anna Parker and Erin Prillaman also bring valuable experience to the College's roster. Parker earned her first All-CAA award in 2006 while Prillaman finished just one place short of earning All-CAA honors last year. Junior Emily Schroeder, the Tribe's top returning finisher from last year's CAA meet, joins fellow juniors Rebecca Ward, Kelsey Snowden and Lynn Morelli as potential candidates for the varsity squad this fall. Two sophomores, Anna Brousell and Kayley Byrne, had impressive rookie seasons for the Tribe last year, and will be counted on to deliver more of the same. "We have a very deep team with tons of potential," Parker said. "Our top seven have never been set in stone; there's always been a lot of flexibility there, so we have a lot of talent and dedication ready to step up to the plate to put together a great team." The mix of youth and experience for the College should earn them another CAA title come October, but a trip to the NCAA Championships will be hard to come by in a region dominated by the ACC, which sent six teams to nationals last year.



BY THE NUMBERS

- 4 Consecutive CAA titles for the Tribe
- 5 All-CAA returnees for the College
- 6 Tribe women with NCAA Regional experience

RUNNER TO WATCH

Emily Gousen, Senior

The Tribe's most impressive 5,000 meter and 10,000m track performer will lead the way for the 2007 squad. Gousen finished her 2006 cross country season strong, placing ninth at the CAA and ECAC Championships and earning All-CAA and All-East honors. She will be counted on to score low as the Tribe enters postseason competition.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

2006 RECORD: 22-3

2006 CAA RECORD: 5-0

HEAD COACH: KEVIN EPLEY

HOME MATCHES PLAYED AT MNTC AND BUSCH COURTS

GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER RUN

After finishing the season ranked 15th in the nation, the Tribe's success sustained itself in the offseason when the NCAA granted Megan Moulton-Levy (*right*) an extra year of eligibility. With Moulton-Levy on the 2007-2008 roster, the College returns its entire line-up from last year's team, the same line-up that produced a CAA title and a trip to the NCAA Tournament's Round of 16. In addition to Moulton-Levy and Zoricic, the Tribe has a wealth of depth. Sophomore Ragini Acharya, seeded eighth in the ITA National Summer Championships in August, won the title defeating the one, four and five seeds en route to the title. Coach Epley knew Acharya would be good, but freshmen often need a year to adjust to collegiate tennis. Epley now calls Acharya "a superstar player." Acharya and junior Klaudyna Kasztelaniec will provide the Tribe with strong play in the middle of the lineup. Sophomores Magdalena Bresson and Lauren Sabacinski round out the singles ladder for the Tribe. Junior Barbara Zidek and sophomore Carmen Pop also give the College added depth. With all of the players from last year's 22-3 outfit returning, the 2007-2008 Tribe will be in a position to improve on last year's showing in the NCAA Tournament. "We're going to have a very, very good team," Moulton-Levy said. "There's no telling what we can do."

ROSTER

Ragini Acharya — So.
Magdalena Bresson — So.
Klaudyna Kasztelaniec — Jr.
Megan Moulton-Levy — Sr.

Carmen Pop — So.
Lauren Sabacinski — So.
Barbara Zidek — Jr.
Katarina Zoricic — Jr.



BY THE NUMBERS

- 44-4 Final doubles record of Megan Moulton-Levy and Katarina Zoricic
- 27 Consecutive singles victories for Ragini Acharya, a Tribe record
- 19 CAA Championships for the Tribe since 1985

PLAYER TO WATCH

Megan Moulton-Levy, Senior

With an extra year of eligibility and four consecutive All-American honors, Moulton-Levy will once again lead a talented Tribe squad in 2007-2008. A phenomenal singles player, Moulton-Levy also excels at doubles with junior teammate Katarina Zoricic. Moulton-Levy will contend for All-American honors in both singles and doubles this season, and her presence could spark a special season for the Tribe.

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2007 TRIBE FOOTBALL PREVIEW

2006 OVERALL RECORD: 3-8

CONFERENCE RECORD: 1-7

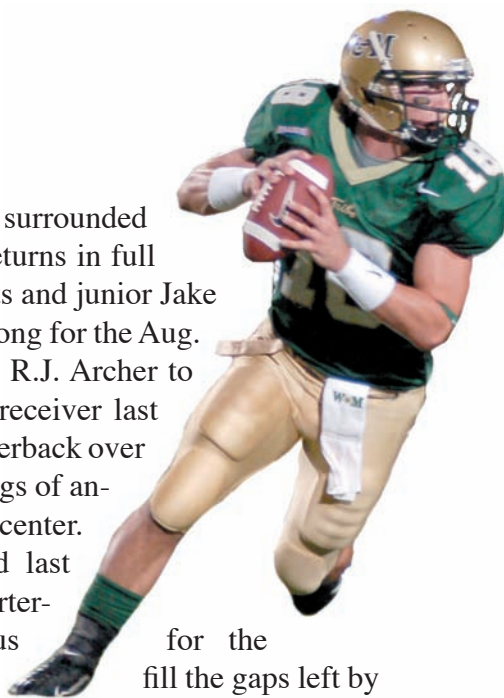
HEAD COACH: JIMMYE LAYCOCK (CAREER RECORD: 178-127-2)

ALL HOME GAMES PLAYED AT ZABLE STADIUM

Offense

QUARTERBACKS

The quarterback controversy that surrounded the team for most of last season returns in full force for 2007, as senior Mike Potts and junior Jake Phillips (*right*) are both looking strong for the Aug. 30 season opener. Add sophomore R.J. Archer to the mix, who spent time at wide receiver last season but was converted to a quarterback over the spring, and you have the makings of another season of uncertainty under center. As the team witnessed first hand last season, no clear starter at the quarterback position can be very dangerous for the offense, especially one looking to fill the gaps left by departing all-conference seniors Elijah Brooks and Cody Morris. For the Tribe to have a successful season, one of the three – Potts, Phillips or Archer – must assert himself as the team's go-to passer.



RUNNING BACKS/FULLBACKS

Elijah Brooks closed his tenure in Williamsburg with over 2,500 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns in only three seasons, having transferring to the College following his freshman year. Brooks was the Tribe's workhorse, playing through an injury and providing the spark for a team that was looking for a leader on the offensive side of the ball. With his departure, the Tribe's running attack is bound to suffer. Brooks' heir-apparent in the backfield, Junior DeBrian Holmes (*right*), suffered injuries of his own last year, forcing the 5'9" tailback out of spring practices. Holmes carried the ball 44 times last season, compared to Brooks' 183 attempts. While Holmes was effective, averaging 5.1 yards per run, he will be charged with filling Brooks' shoes this year, by no means an easy task. Spelling Holmes in the backfield will be senior Tony Viola, who rushed for 53 yards on 12 attempts last season, sophomore Matt Nickerson, and redshirt freshman Courtland Mariner. Junior Matt Otey will return as the Tribe's top fullback.

WIDE RECEIVERS

All of the Tribe's 2006 opening day starters at wide receiver return for the 2007 season. Senior Joe Nicholas – whose 41 receptions, 597 receiving yards, and eight touchdowns led the receiving core last year – will need to continue performing at a high level for the team to have success through the air. Junior wide receivers Elliot Mack and D.J. McAulay both suffered through sophomore slumps, the latter one due to injury, but are looking to rebound strong and improve upon their performances from a year ago. The Tribe's surprise standout at receiver last season was sophomore R.J. Archer, who led the Tribe with an average of 16.3 yards per reception. Archer will start the season vying for the starting quarterback position. Talented redshirt freshmen Cameron Dohse and Chase Hill will provide depth to the thin but versatile body of receivers.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER TO WATCH

Drew Atchison, Tight End, Senior

Potential breakout performers are usually sophomores, sometimes juniors, but in the case of Drew Atchison we had to make an exception. Atchison came to the College as a baseball player and joined the football team after his freshman year, where he promptly fell behind all-conference tight end Matt Trinkle on the depth chart. With Trinkle graduated, the door is now wide open for Atchison, who finished second on the Tribe last season with a 15.2 yard per catch average. Atchison has developed into a solid blocker, and his catching will make him a valuable and exciting part of the Tribe's offense.

Offensive Depth Chart

QUARTERBACK

Jake Phillips — Jr.
Mike Potts — Sr.
R.J. Archer — So.

FULLBACK

Matt Otey — Sr.
Graham Falbo — Sr.

RUNNING BACK

DeBrian Holmes — Jr.
Tony Viola — Sr.

TIGHT END

Drew Atchison — Sr.
Evan Muro — Jr.

LEFT TACKLE

Brent Cochran — Sr.
Michael Grant — Jr.

OFFENSIVE LINE

All-conference performer Cody Morris graduated last spring, but the rest of the offensive line will return. Seniors Brent Cochran, Brad Stewart and Justin Oliver started every game last season at left tackle, right tackle and left guard, respectively, and should help offset the loss of Morris under center. Junior Luke Hitschew, who started eight games at right guard last season, will be charged with the task of replacing Morris as the Tribe's starting center.

LEFT GUARD

Justin Oliver — Sr.
Eric O'Brien — Jr.

CENTER

Luke Hitschew — Jr.
Tim Kelley — Sr.

RIGHT GUARD

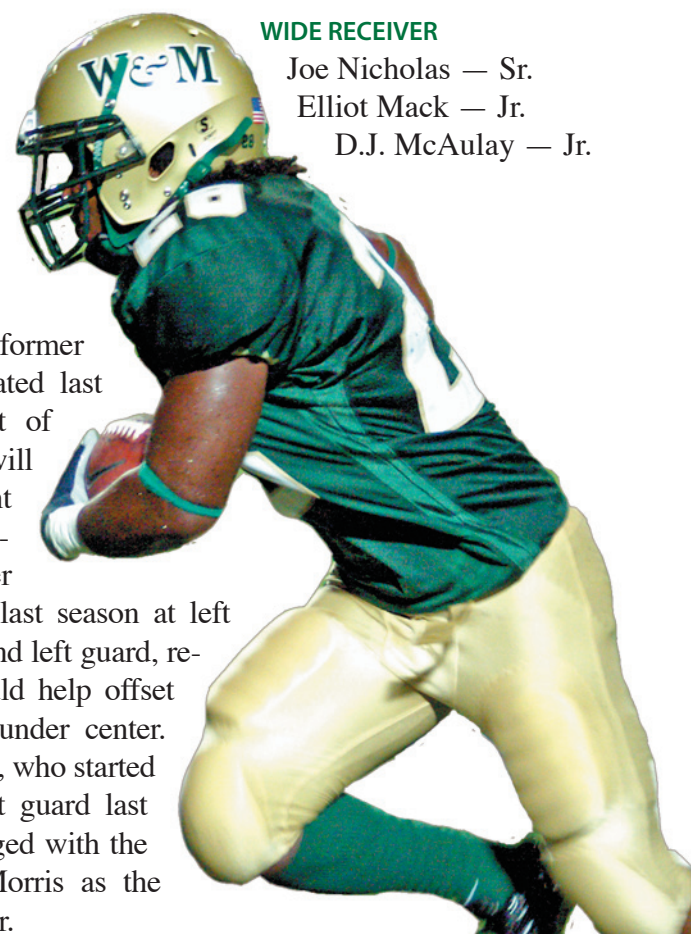
C.J. Muse — So.
Thomas McCutcheon — So.

RIGHT TACKLE

Brad Stewart — Sr.
Keith Hill — R. Fr.

WIDE RECEIVER

Joe Nicholas — Sr.
Elliot Mack — Jr.
D.J. McAulay — Jr.



BY THE NUMBERS

1980-1982

The last time the College suffered three consecutive losing seasons under head coach Jimmie Laycock. The Tribe has finished under .500 in each of the last two years

9/22

The date that the Tribe will head to Blacksburg to battle the Hokies of Virginia Tech, who enter the season ranked #9 in both the AP and USA Today Top 25 polls.

2007 SCHEDULE

8/30 DELAWARE 7:30 p.m.
9/8 @ VMI 1 p.m.
9/15 LIBERTY 7 p.m.
9/22 @ Virginia Tech 1:30 p.m.
9/29 TOWSON 1 p.m.

10/06 @ Villanova 6 p.m.
10/13 @ Maine 3 p.m.
10/27 MASSACHUSETTS 1 p.m.
11/03 @ Hofstra 1 p.m.
11/10 JAMES MADISON 7 p.m.
11/17 @ Richmond 12 p.m.

Defense

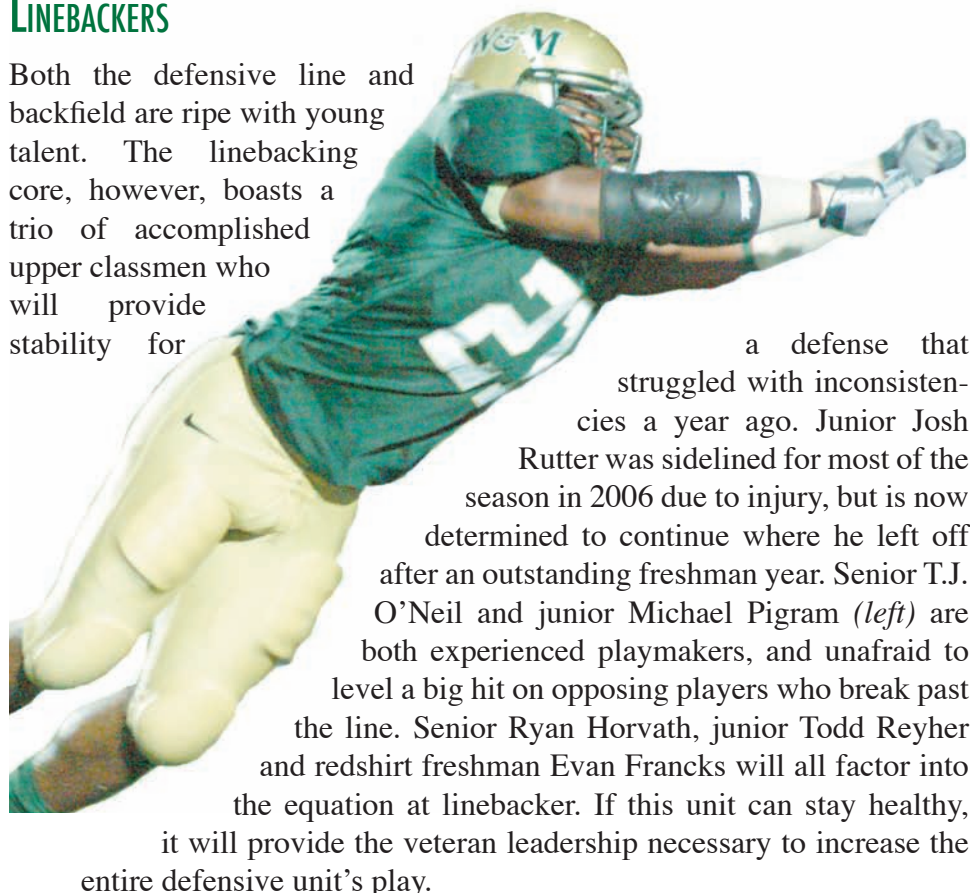
DEFENSIVE LINE

Sophomores Adrian Tracy (*bottom right*) and C.J. Herbert will anchor the Tribe's defensive line unit. The two displayed excellent speed last season, while both showed a flair for making big plays, as Herbert blocked two kicks and Tracy recorded six sacks. The starting tackles will be fellow sophomore Sean Lissemore and redshirt freshman Derek Toon. Lissemore and Toon may not be as polished as Tracy and Herbert, but both of them play with great intensity and will mature as the season progresses. A bevy of sophomores and redshirt freshman will be shuffled through the line throughout the season, as the team looks to gain depth at its youngest positions.

LINEBACKERS

Both the defensive line and backfield are ripe with young talent. The linebacking core, however, boasts a trio of accomplished upper classmen who will provide stability for

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by Irene Rojas; Pigram photo by
Jonathan Seiden



a defense that struggled with inconsistencies a year ago. Junior Josh Rutter was sidelined for most of the season in 2006 due to injury, but is now determined to continue where he left off after an outstanding freshman year. Senior T.J. O'Neil and junior Michael Pigram (*left*) are both experienced playmakers, and unafraid to level a big hit on opposing players who break past the line. Senior Ryan Horvath, junior Todd Reyher and redshirt freshman Evan Francks will all factor into the equation at linebacker. If this unit can stay healthy, it will provide the veteran leadership necessary to increase the entire defensive unit's play.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Junior Derek Cox, one of the team's co-captains, leads a young but explosive unit that welcomes the addition of transfer sophomore Robert Livingston. After losing three starters, the future will be on display in the Tribe's defensive backfield. Sophomores David Caldwell and Max Harris are two of the most athletic players on the Tribe's roster, and both will see extensive time at safety and cornerback, respectively. Fellow sophomore David Houff will be a key reserve at both the defensive back positions, while sophomore Fred Johnson, redshirt freshmen Ben Cottingham and Michael Alvarado will all see time on the field. Cox is an outstanding athlete and proven leader, as evidenced by his election to captain as a junior, and his charisma and play-making ability will help lead the unit to productive seasons for years to come.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER TO WATCH

Josh Rutter, Linebacker, Junior

At 6'3", 230 pounds, Josh Rutter is, if nothing else, the most intimidating of the Tribe's linebackers, but the junior has the pedigree and athletic ability to do a lot more than just scare opposing players. Rutter's freshman campaign was sensational, as he recorded 109 tackles and an interception from the middle linebacker position. Entering his sophomore year with high expectations, Rutter's season was cut short after just three games when he suffered a season-ending injury during the Tribe's 38-6 victory over VMI Sept. 23, 2006. After almost a full year of rehabilitation, Rutter is back, healthy and ready to anchor a young Tribe defense looking to rebound from a year of inconsistencies. Expect big plays all year from number 44 in the middle.

Defensive Depth Chart

LEFT DEFENSIVE END

Adrian Tracy — So.
Bryan Jean-Pierre — R. Fr.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Sean Lissemore — So.
Kyle Allison — R. Fr.
Derek Toon — R. Fr.
Daniel Pulley — So.

RIGHT DEFENSIVE END

C.J. Herbert — So.
Ryan Jones — Sr.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

Michael Pigram — Jr.
T.J. O'Neill — Sr.
Ryan Horvath — Sr.

SPECIAL TEAMS

With the departure of kicker/punter Blair Pritchard, the Tribe will turn the place kicking duties to walk-on sophomore Brian Pate, having emerged from a pack of hopefuls, none of whom have kicked in a college game. Although redshirt freshman David Miller will challenge Pate for the kicker's job while handling punting for the College, both Pate and Miller have shown impressive leg strength in the off-season, though their lack of experience is a concern as the season approaches.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

Josh Rutter — Jr.
Todd Reyher — Jr.

CORNERBACK

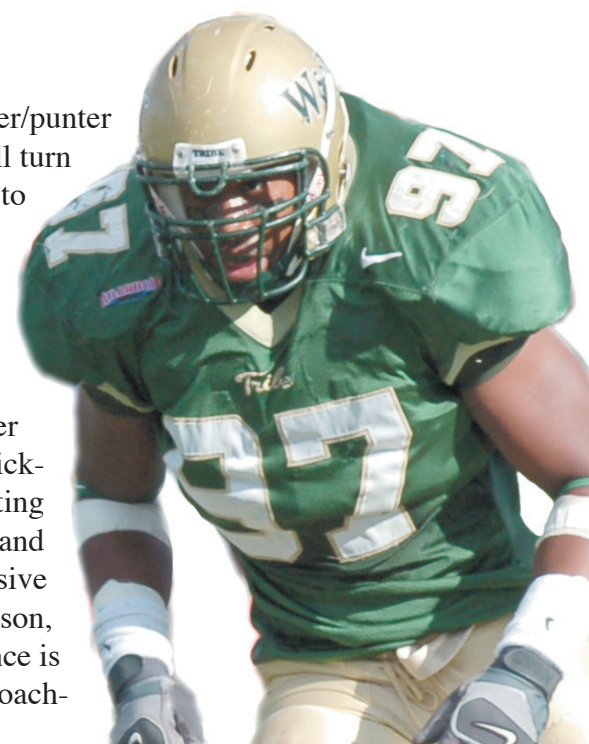
Derek Cox — Jr.
Max Harris — So.
Fred Johnson — So.
Ben Cottingham — R. Fr.

STRONG SAFETY

David Caldwell — So.
David Houff — So.

FREE SAFETY

Robert Livingston — So.
Michael Alvarado — R. Fr.



FIELD HOCKEY

2006 RECORD: 10-9

2006 CAA RECORD: 4-4

HEAD COACH: PEEL HAWTHORNE (232-165-2 CAREER RECORD)

ALL HOME MATCHES PLAYED AT BUSCH FIELD

SCHEDULE

8/25 LOCK HAVEN 11 a.m.
8/26 FAIRFIELD 11 a.m.
9/1 @ Duke 1 p.m.
9/3 vs. Iowa 1 p.m.
9/8 MIAMI (OHIO) 1 p.m.
9/12 LONGWOOD 7 p.m.
9/14 @ Virginia 7 p.m.
9/21 NORTHEASTERN 7 p.m.
9/23 RADFORD 1 p.m.
9/28 @ Delaware 7 p.m.
9/30 @ Towson 1 p.m.
10/5 DREXEL 7 p.m.
10/7 HOFSTRA 1 p.m.
10/12 NORTH CAROLINA 4 p.m.
10/14 APPALACHIAN ST. 12 p.m.
10/20 @ VCU 1 p.m.
10/21 @ JMU 1 p.m.
10/25 @ Richmond 3:30 p.m.
10/28 OLD DOMINION 1 p.m.
11/1-11/4 CAA Tournament

A TOUGH ROAD TO TRAVEL

2006 saw the Tribe race to a 5-0 start — the best opening to a season since 2000 — before finishing the season 5-9 to end at 10-9 overall. Last year's schedule pitted the Tribe against seven ranked foes, with the College coming out 2-5 against ranked opponents. A look at this year's schedule reveals seven 2006 NCAA Tournament teams from last year's forward Kim Kastelic and goalkeeper Gwen Hunter — to provide leadership for a team that includes 10 true freshmen and just two other upperclassmen. Fortunately for the Tribe, all four seniors started every match last season, so in addition to leadership, the College can also rely on the experience of its senior class. At forward, Hedley gives the Tribe its most potent offensive option, having led the team in goals last season. At midfield, Kacerek has 36 career starts while junior Katie Broaddus, who started all 19 games last season, should be alongside to help depending on her recovery from off-season surgery. At the back position, Kastelic and sophomore Kaitlin Johnson will secure the defense. The ability of the Tribe to blend its experience and youth will be critical to the College's success, as the returning players will be called upon to guide a young team through a difficult schedule.



BY THE NUMBERS

10

True freshmen on the Tribe roster

.693

The Tribe's winning percentage at Busch Field

7

2007 opponents that reached the NCAA tournament

PLAYER TO WATCH

Kim Hedley, Forward

Last season's team-leading scorer returns as the Tribe's top offensive player. Hedley, who earned second-team All-CAA honors in 2006, will be counted on to provide leadership in addition to scoring this season. With a roster including 10 true freshmen, Hedley and her three senior teammates must balance the team's youth with their experience and maturity.

Credits:
Written by Andrew Pike
Photo by Nicole Scheer

MEN'S GOLF

2006-2007 OVERALL RECORD: 89-50-1

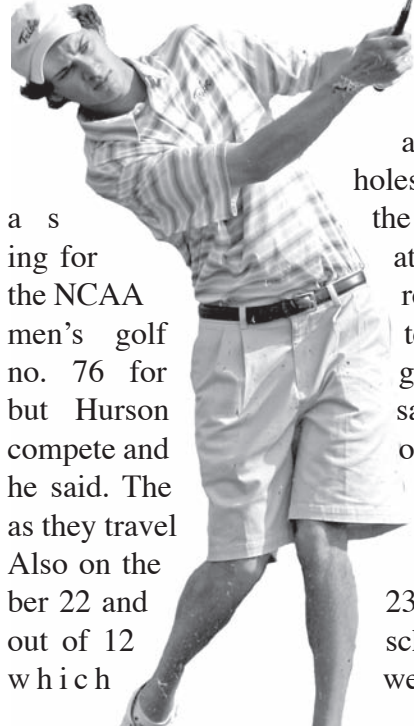
HEAD COACH: JAY ALBAUGH (ENTERING HIS 5TH YEAR)

FALL 2007 SCHEDULE

9/10-11
Mid Pines Invitational (Southern Pines, N.C.)
9/22-23
Sea Trail Intercollegiate (Sunset Beach, N.C.)
10/15-16
Belmont Invitational (Nashville, Tenn.)
10/22-23
Georgetown Hoya Invitational (Beallsville, Md.)
10/27-28
The Landfall Tradition (Wilmington, N.C.)

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

With nine of the 11 golfers strong year. Two of the team's Doug Hurson. Paladino made a England Amateur Champion-third-



returning, the men's golf team is poised for another best players will be juniors Brent Paladino (left) and name for himself this past summer, winning the New ship with a two-round score of 136 and qualifying for his straight U.S. Amateur tournament, a College record. Last year Paladino earned CAA All-Tournament team accolades after finishing fifth at the CAA Championships with a combined score of 75-72-69, while Hurson earned second team all-CAA recognition. He also shot a College record 208 for 54 holes at the Joe Agee Invitational in the fall. Expectations are high the team begins play this month, according to Hurson. "I am looking at least a tournament win from the team, along with making regionals," he said. In August, Golf Digest magazine rated the team no. 25 overall in the country, no. 22 in academics and golf emphasis. It was the highest ranking of any CAA team, says the ranking doesn't mean much. "What matters is how we our ability to finish high in all the tournaments we play in," Tribe will get their first chance to win a tournament Sept. 10, to Southern Pines, N.C. to play in the Mid Pines Invitational. horizon is the Georgetown Hoya Invitational, held on October 23 in Beallsville, Maryland, where the Tribe finished second schools last year. "I think for the team it will be a tournament we will definitely be trying to win," Hurson said.

BY THE NUMBERS

75.06

Tribe's average individual score per round last year

.639

Last year's team winning percentage, courtesy of an 89-50-1 finish

74.53

Doug Hurson's career stroke average, good for third all-time in Tribe history

GOLFER TO WATCH

Brandon Parker, Freshman

While Paladino and Hurson will star for the Tribe, incoming freshman Brandon Parker could quickly become one of the team's best. Recruited out of Auburn, Massachusetts, he had top seven finishes at the Massachusetts state championships as both a junior and senior, leading his high school team to two straight state titles. He averaged 73 strokes for his career and is a member of the New England Ryder Cup Team.

Credits:
Written by Carl Siegmund
Paladino photo courtesy of William and Mary Sports Information.

VOLLEYBALL

2006 RECORD: 10-16 2006 CAA RECORD: 6-12
 HEAD COACH: DEBBIE HILL (552-392 CAREER RECORD)
 ALL HOME MATCHES PLAYED AT KAPLAN ARENA

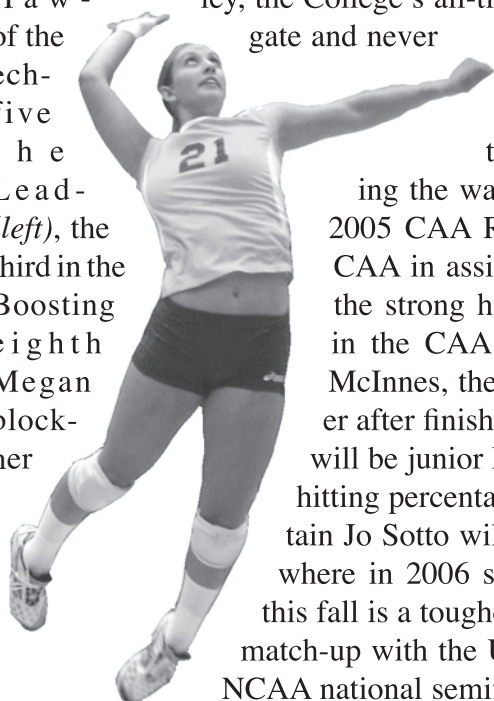
SCHEDULE

8/24 @ Virginia Tech 10 a.m.
 8/24 vs. Marshall 3 p.m.
 8/31 ECU 7:30 p.m.
 9/1 KENT STATE 1:30 p.m.
 9/1 SO. ILLINOIS 7:30 p.m.
 9/7 vs. So. Miss. 5 p.m.
 9/8 vs. UCLA 11 a.m.
 9/8 vs. UC-Irvine 7 p.m.
 9/14 vs. Binghamton 10 a.m.
 9/14 vs. Princeton 5:30 p.m.
 9/15 vs. Liberty 12:30 p.m.
 9/15 Villanova 7:30 p.m.
 9/18 @ Norfolk State 7 p.m.
 9/21 @ UNC-W 7 p.m.
 9/22 @ Georgia State 7 p.m.
 9/26 VCU 7 p.m.
 10/5 @ Towson 7 p.m.
 10/6 @ Delaware 7 p.m.
 10/12 GSU 7 p.m.
 10/13 UNC-W 7 p.m.
 10/19 @ George Mason 7 p.m.
 10/20 @ JMU 7 p.m.
 10/26 NORTHEASTERN 7 p.m.
 10/27 HOFSTRA 7 p.m.
 10/30 @ Hampton 6 p.m.
 11/1 @ VCU 7 p.m.
 11/8 DELAWARE 7 p.m.
 11/9 TOWSON 7 p.m.
 11/16-11/18 CAA Championship

LOOKING TO TURN THINGS AROUND

A 10-16 overall record and seventh place finish in the CAA last year were well under the benchmarks the Tribe volleyball team were shooting for, especially after coming off a 22-9 (15-3 CAA) season in 2005. Being led by former Tribe libero Kathleen Hawley, the College's all-time digs leader, the young team stumbled out of the gate and never managed to crawl into the CAA's upper echelon of teams. This year the Tribe will have returning starters, now on a mission to help team repeat the success it enjoyed in 2005.

Leading the way is junior setter and co-captain Kim Mount (left), the 2005 CAA Rookie of the Year. Last season, Mount was third in the CAA in assists, and finished second on the team in digs. Boosting the strong hitting corps is junior Abby Owens, who was eighth in the CAA with 3.71 kills per game last year. Senior Megan McInnes, the lone senior on the team, will start at middle blocker after finishing third on the team with 48 blocks. Joining her will be junior Molly Bohman, who led the team with a .281 hitting percentage, good for 10th in the CAA. Junior co-captain Jo Sotto will inherit Hawley's starting position at libero, where in 2006 she ranked fifth on the team in digs. On tap this fall is a tougher slate of non-conference games, including a match-up with the University of California-Los Angeles, a 2006 NCAA national semifinalist, at the UC-Irvine Tournament on Sept. 8. The College will also face off against Florida A&M University, a NCAA tournament participant last season.



BY THE NUMBERS

2

Road wins last season

6'2"

Height of tallest member of the team, Megan McInnes

5'2"

Height of shortest member of the team, Jo Sotto

PLAYER TO WATCH

Kim Mount, Setter

As a freshman and sophomore, Mount posted big numbers at the setter position, including 1,201 assists last season, the third highest total in the College's history. This year she will also be called upon for her leadership abilities, helping to set the tone for another young Tribe squad.

Credits:
 Written by Carl Siegmund
 Photo by Jonathan Seiden.

WOMEN'S GOLF

2006-2007 CAA RESULTS: 5TH PLACE OUT OF 10 TEAMS
 HEAD COACH: JAY ALBAUGH (ENTERING HIS 5TH YEAR)

FALL 2007 SCHEDULE

9/10-9/11
 Chip-N Invitational
 (Lincoln, NE)
 9/17-9/18
 Colonial Women's
 Intercollegiate
 (Williamsburg, VA)
 9/30-10/1
 Nittany Lion
 Invitational
 (State College, PA)
 10/15-10/16
 Spider Invitational
 (Richmond, VA)
 10/29-10/30
 Ross Resorts
 Invitational
 (Southern Pines, NC)

A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE

Ranked at no. 23 overall in Golf Digest magazine, the College undoubtedly possesses one of the stronger women's golf programs in the entire nation. With some of the best facilities and coaches in the CAA, it's no wonder the Tribe is constantly positioned near the top of the CAA standings. However, the Tribe had somewhat disappointing results last season as they finished with a record of 37-59-1, ranking at fifth out of the 10 teams in the 2007 Colonial Athletic Association Championships. But with seven of last year's nine starters returning, many expect to see one of the strongest squads in recent memory. The Tribe roster is highlighted by leadership and experience in its with five uppermost notably senior top scorers Misha Harvey, rissa Sprick. Also pivotal to the team's success sophomore sensation Brielle Paolini (right), the player in school history to be named to the NGCA All-American Scholar Team. If the Tribe can utilize their rare combination of veteran experience and promising youngsters, expect the team to make a run during the CAA Championships tournament, which will be held at the famous Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg.



BY THE NUMBERS

80.36

Ericka Oldenkamp's career scoring average, third best all-time

.582

Misha Harvey's career win/loss percentage, good for best on current squad

81.82

Average individual score per round

GOLFER TO WATCH

Brielle Paolini, Sophomore

After becoming the first Tribe player to be named to the NGCA All-American Scholar team, Brielle is poised for a breakout season. As a freshman, Brielle held the third best scoring average on the team and was the only player to break 80 during the fall season. With continued experience, Brielle could become the top scorer for the Women's Golf team.

Credits:
 Written by Graham Williamson
 Paolini photo courtesy of William and Mary Sports Information.

MEN'S SOCCER

2006 OVERALL RECORD: 8-8-3 2006 CAA RECORD: 4-4-3

HEAD COACH: CHRIS NORRIS (21-24-12 CAREER RECORD)

ALL HOME MATCHES PLAYED AT ALBERT-DALY FIELD

SCHEDULE

9/1 ELON 7 p.m.
 9/7 @ Penn State 7:30 p.m.
 9/9 vs. Ohio State 12 p.m.
 9/14 vs. Temple 4:30 p.m.
 9/16 vs. Dartmouth 12 p.m.
 9/19 @ North Carolina 7:30 p.m.
 9/22 VIRGINIA TECH 7 p.m.
 9/25 AMERICAN 7 p.m.
 9/29 @ Stony Brook 7 p.m.
 10/5 HOFSTRA 7 p.m.
 10/7 NORTHEASTERN 1 p.m.
 10/12 JMU 7 p.m.
 10/14 VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH 5 p.m.
 10/19 @ Towson 3 p.m.
 10/21 @ George Mason 2 p.m.
 10/26 @ Georgia State 3 p.m.
 10/28 UNC WILMINGTON 2 p.m.
 11/2 @ Drexel 4 p.m.
 11/4 @ Delaware 1 p.m.
 11/8 OLD DOMINION 7 p.m.
 11/13-11/18 CAA Tournament

Credits:

Written by Graham Williamson
 Photo by Kyle McMahon

DEALING WITH ADVERSITY

With a respectable .500 winning percentage both in conference and overall play, the Tribe's 2006 campaign would be described by many as a successful season. Although the Tribe finished at a pedestrian 8th place in the final CAA standings, the '06 squad showed marked improvement upon their forgettable four victories of the 2005 season. Returning with six starters and looking to build off of last year's momentum, the College's head coach Chris Norris enters the 2007 campaign filled with optimism. "Although we have a youthful roster, it is a talented group top to bottom. I think that we will surprise some people and we definitely have an opportunity for a good season," Norris said. However, at the outset of the season, the Tribe's prime area of concern will be at the forward position. Leading scorer Andrew Hoxie will train with the team but for undisclosed reasons will not be competing in any matches. To make matters worse, George Washington transfer Ryan Snyder was seriously injured during a team practice Aug. 21, and according to Coach Norris could have a "long-term" knee injury. Although the Tribe has some depth concerns at the forward position, Coach Norris remains confident that the squad will be able to overcome adversity. Whatever the Tribe lacks up top, it is certainly compensated for with the obvious depth and experience of their midfield. The Tribe will also rely heavily upon dependable senior goalkeeper Brennan Wergley.



BY THE NUMBERS

31

Yellow cards received by Tribe players last season

1.05

Average goals given up per game last season by senior goalkeeper Brennan Wergley

6

Seasons played since their last conference championship

PLAYER TO WATCH

Jeremy Harris, Midfielder

After red-shirting his freshman year, Harris had a solid 2006 campaign, regularly making contributions off the Tribe bench. However, after an impressive summer with 13 starts for the Virginia Legacy of the PDL, Harris could definitely become an integral part of the Tribe's 2007 midfield attack.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

2006 RECORD: 16-1-4 2006 CAA RECORD: 10-0-1

HEAD COACH: JOHN DALY (278-111-34 CAREER RECORD)

ALL HOME MATCHES PLAYED AT ALBERT-DALY FIELD

SCHEDULE

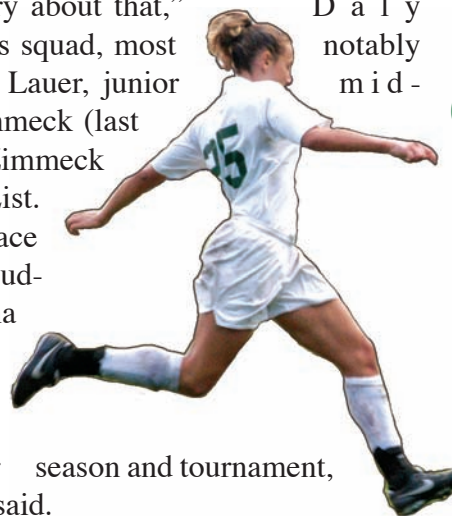
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 9/2 @ N.C. State 1 p.m.
 9/7 OKLAHOMA 7 p.m.
 9/9 MAINE 3 p.m.
 9/14 vs. Navy 4 p.m.
 9/16 vs. North Carolina 3 p.m.
 9/19 ALBANY 7 p.m.
 9/23 @ Virginia 2 p.m.
 9/28 DREXEL 7 p.m.
 9/30 UDEL 12:30 p.m.
 10/5 @ Hofstra 7 p.m.
 10/7 @ Northeastern 1 p.m.
 10/12 @ JMU 7 p.m.
 10/14 @ VCU 2 p.m.
 10/19 TOWSON 7 p.m.
 10/21 GMU 12:30 p.m.
 10/26 GSU 7 p.m.
 10/28 @ UNC Wilmington 2 p.m.
 11/1 @ Old Dominion 7 p.m.
 11/6-11/11 CAA Tournament

Credits:

Written by Jeff Dooley
 Zimmeck photo by Sarah Grayce

SHAKING OFF LAST SEASON'S DISAPPOINTMENT

After earning the no. 8 spot in the NCAA's final RPI rankings last season, the Tribe was expecting a high seed in the NCAA tournament, with a possible home game thrown in as well. When the seedings for the tournament were released, however, they had garnered only a no. 8 seed in their region (only the top 4 seeds in each region hosted home games). The Tribe then fell in penalty kicks to a formidable Naval Academy squad in the first round of the tournament, bringing an end to a season during which the Tribe captured the CAA regular season title. Head Coach John Daly said that his team won't be needing to use last year's seeding snub as any extra motivation. "They have enough pride in their team and in their school that they don't need to worry about that," Daly said. The Tribe returns eight starters from last season's squad, most notably junior goalkeeper Meghan Walker, junior back Abby Lauer, junior midfielder Danielle Collins and junior forward Claire Zimmeck (last season's CAA Player of the Year). Both Collins and Zimmeck were named to the Preseason Hermann Trophy Watch List. The road to success will certainly not be easy, as they face several NCAA tournament teams from last season, including defending champion University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and the team that sent them home early last season, Navy. The team hasn't let that stop them from setting high expectations for themselves, however. "We have a target of winning the CAA regular season and tournament, and progressing far into the NCAA tournament," Daly said.



BY THE NUMBERS

14

Number of NCAA tournament appearance by the Tribe in the past 15 seasons

7

Consecutive winning seasons by the Tribe

.857

The Tribe's winning percentage last season, the highest in school history

PLAYER TO WATCH

Claire Zimmeck, Forward

On a roster full of key players, Zimmeck (*left*) is perhaps the most important piece. The reigning CAA player of the year and a fourth team all-American, Zimmeck is coming off of a monster year, during which she scored 14 goals, six of them game winners. Her scoring ability is essential to a team that had trouble scoring in the postseason last year.